



This is a digital copy of a book that was preserved for generations on library shelves before it was carefully scanned by Google as part of a project to make the world's books discoverable online.

It has survived long enough for the copyright to expire and the book to enter the public domain. A public domain book is one that was never subject to copyright or whose legal copyright term has expired. Whether a book is in the public domain may vary country to country. Public domain books are our gateways to the past, representing a wealth of history, culture and knowledge that's often difficult to discover.

Marks, notations and other marginalia present in the original volume will appear in this file - a reminder of this book's long journey from the publisher to a library and finally to you.

Usage guidelines

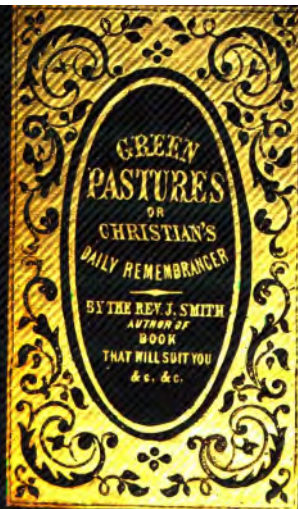
Google is proud to partner with libraries to digitize public domain materials and make them widely accessible. Public domain books belong to the public and we are merely their custodians. Nevertheless, this work is expensive, so in order to keep providing this resource, we have taken steps to prevent abuse by commercial parties, including placing technical restrictions on automated querying.

We also ask that you:

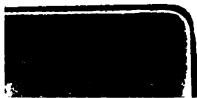
- + *Make non-commercial use of the files* We designed Google Book Search for use by individuals, and we request that you use these files for personal, non-commercial purposes.
- + *Refrain from automated querying* Do not send automated queries of any sort to Google's system: If you are conducting research on machine translation, optical character recognition or other areas where access to a large amount of text is helpful, please contact us. We encourage the use of public domain materials for these purposes and may be able to help.
- + *Maintain attribution* The Google "watermark" you see on each file is essential for informing people about this project and helping them find additional materials through Google Book Search. Please do not remove it.
- + *Keep it legal* Whatever your use, remember that you are responsible for ensuring that what you are doing is legal. Do not assume that just because we believe a book is in the public domain for users in the United States, that the work is also in the public domain for users in other countries. Whether a book is still in copyright varies from country to country, and we can't offer guidance on whether any specific use of any specific book is allowed. Please do not assume that a book's appearance in Google Book Search means it can be used in any manner anywhere in the world. Copyright infringement liability can be quite severe.

About Google Book Search

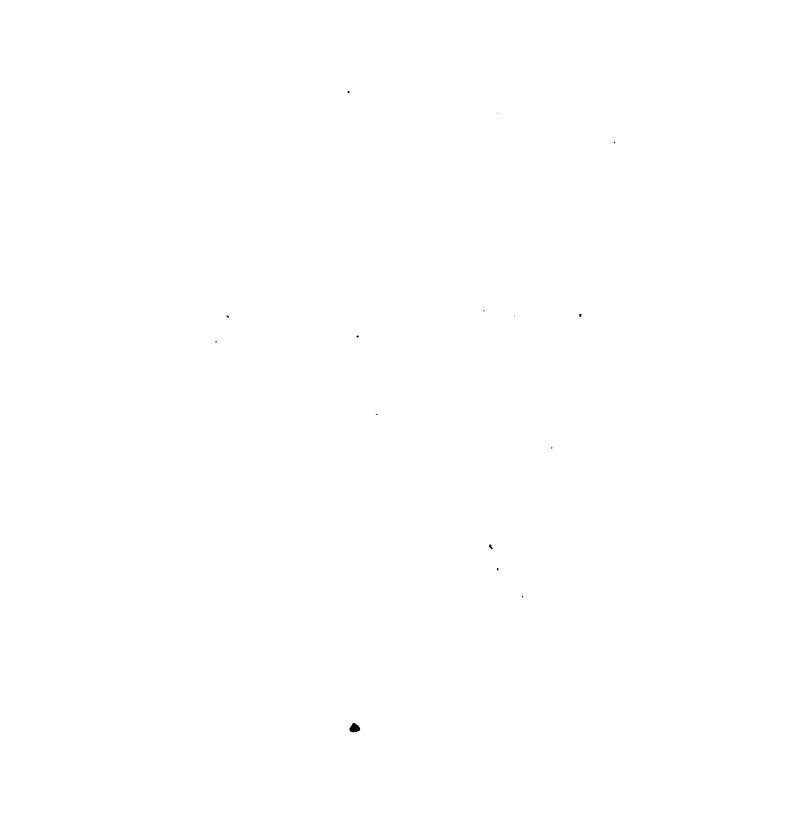
Google's mission is to organize the world's information and to make it universally accessible and useful. Google Book Search helps readers discover the world's books while helping authors and publishers reach new audiences. You can search through the full text of this book on the web at <http://books.google.com/>



48.1/29.







GREEN PASTURES,

OR,

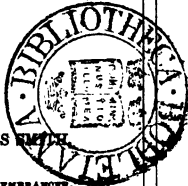
DAILY FOOD FOR THE LORD'S FLOCK.

BY

THE REV. JAMES SMITH

AUTHOR OF

"THE BELIEVER'S DAILY REMEMBRANCE,"



London:

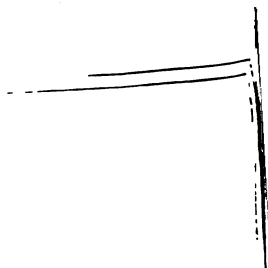
T. NELSON, PATERNOSTER ROW,
AND EDINBURGH.

MDCCKLVIII.

EDINBURGH: PRINTED BY THOMAS NELSON

PREFACE.

THE great Shepherd has made ample provision for his sheep, and the pastures are always fresh and green; but too many neglect the provision made for them, and are therefore weak in faith, feeble in effort, and uncomfortable in their lives. This little work is intended to attract the flock to the pastures provided; it presents a portion of spiritual food for daily use. Here is an inspired text, a verse of poetry, and a brief sentence—each calculated to inform the mind, cheer the soul, and regulate the life. In busy times like the



THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS



PREFACE.

THE great Shepherd has made ample provision for his sheep, and the pastures are always fresh and green; but too many neglect the provision made for them, and are therefore weak in faith, feeble in effort, and uncomfortable in their lives. This little work is intended to attract the flock to the pastures provided; it presents a portion of spiritual food for daily use. Here is an inspired text, a verse of poetry, and a brief sentence—each calculated to inform the mind, cheer the soul, and regulate the life. In busy tin

EDINBURGH: PRINTED BY THOMAS NELSON

PREFACE.

THE great Shepherd has made ample provision for his sheep, and the pastures are always fresh and green; but too many neglect the provision made for them, and are therefore weak in faith, feeble in effort, and uncomfortable in their lives. This little work is intended to attract the flock to the pastures provided; it presents a portion of spiritual food for daily use. Here is an inspired text, a verse of poetry, and a brief sentence—each calculated to inform the mind, cheer the soul, and regulate the life. In busy times like the

January 6.

LOOK thou upon me, and be merciful
unto me, as thou usest to do unto
those that love thy name.—Ps. cxix.

Lord, look thou upon me, thy mercy I seek,
Accept me tho' vile, receive me tho' weak ;
Forgive my transgressions, my nature renew,
That I with thy people thy glory may view.

If we look up to the Lord in prayer,
he will look down upon us in mercy ;
yea, he has so looked upon us already,
or we had never looked to him.

January 7.

FEAR not, Abram ; I am thy shield,
and thy exceeding great reward.
—Gen. xv. 1.

With sins, and fears, and fiends I'll fight,
My shield shall put them all to flight ;
The conquest gained, I'll quit the field,
And triumph in my glorious shield.

God is our shield, and will come be-
tween us and all that would really
harm us, therefore we should not fear.

January 8.

THIS is the will of God, even your sanctification.—1 Thess. iv. 3.

Be Christ my pattern and my guide,
His Image may I bear,
Oh, may I tread his sacred steps,
And his bright glories share.

If sanctification is our object, if all things are made subservient to this, then our will is as the will of God.

January 9.

WHAT is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?—Ps. viii. 4.

Lord, what is man? so greatly blest!
Thine eyes attentive o'er him rest;
Or what the sons of men, to prove
Th' eternal honours of thy love!

Man, as a sinner, is a criminal, and yet God pities him; he is a rebel, and yet God pardons him; he is a worm, and yet God communes with him.

January 10.

THOUGH he slay me, yet will I
trust in him.—Job xiii. 15.

Why should I dread Jehovah's hand,
Though it might crush to dust?
'Tis love that gives his arm command,
And in that love I trust.

If we know that the sword is in our
Father's hand, and are persuaded of
his love, we may trust and not be
afraid.

January 11.

OTHER foundation can no man lay
than that is laid, which is Jesus
Christ.—1 Cor. iii. 11.

When all foundations else will fail,
Those built on this will then prevail;
And lift their heads with joyful praise,
To him who this foundation lays.

The only foundation of a sinner's hope
is Jesus; on him we must rest the
entire weight of our eternal concerns.

January 12.

FEAR ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you to-day.—Ex. xiv. 13.

Give power and will, and then command,
And we will follow thee;
And when we're frightened, bld us stand,
And thy salvation see.

When the way appears to be impassable, then stand still, fix the eye on God as your leader, and you will find that salvation is just at hand.

January 13.

THE Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.—Ps. xviii. 46.

He lives, and blessed be my Rock!
The God of my salvation lives:
The dark designs of hell are broke;
Sweet is the peace my Father gives.

If the living God is our support, we shall never fail; if the God of salvation is our friend, we ought to exalt him.

January 14.

THE Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.—2 Thess. iii. 5.

I thirst to drink unmingled love
From the pure fountain head above;
My dearest Lord, I long to be
Emptied of sin and full of thee.

If the heart is directed into God's love, it will be influenced by it: and this will make us both holy and happy.

January 15.

IN every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.—1 Thess. v. 18.

* Lord, let a sense of sovereign grace
Our best affections move,
That while our lips thy praise proclaim,
Our hearts may feel thy love.

We have always so many mercies left us; that we never can be consistent unless we are grateful and thankful.

January 16.

THIS is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

—1 Tim. i. 15.

Transgressors of the deepest stain
In him salvation find:
His blood removes the foulest guilt,
His Spirit heals the mind.

He came to save exactly such persons as you are; look unto him and expect to be saved by him, and you shall not be disappointed.

January 17

I HAVE set the Lord always before me: he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.—Ps. xvi. 8.

Before my eyes the Lord I'll place,
Ne'er shall my soul forget his grace—
Near my right hand, my guard confest,
My God, on whom unmov'd I rest.

Keep the eye on the Saviour's example, and steadily rely only on his aid.

January 18.

MY God shall supply all your need
according to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.—Phil. iv. 19.

What want shall not our God supply
From his redundant stores?
What streams of mercy from on high
An arm almighty pours.

The wealth of the universe is in Jesus,
and this is the fountain opened for
our supply ; what can we desire more ?

January 19.

GRIEVE not the Holy Spirit of God,
whereby ye are sealed unto the
day of redemption.—Eph. iv. 30.

Forbid it, Lord, that we
Who from thy hand receive
The Spirit's power to make us free,
Should e'er that Spirit grieve !

The Holy Spirit is a divine person,
and should be honoured by us in all
our purposes, plans, and practices : he
is our Comforter, Guide, and Friend.

January 20.

THEY that know thy name will put
their trust in thee ; for thou, Lord,
hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

—Ps. ix. 10.

In thee shall all thy people trust,
Who know thy name, all-gracious Lord,
Since thou hast ne'er forsook the just,
Who seek thy face, and love thy word.

No one can really trust in God until
he knows him ; and no one does know
him who does not trust in him.

January 21.

SURELY I know that it shall be well
with them that fear God, which
fear before him.—Eccles. viii. 12.

The men that fear the Lord
In every state are blest ;
The Lord will grant whate'er they want,
Their souls shall dwell at rest.

If we fear to offend God because he
is gracious, he will make all things
work together for our good.

January 22.

O MY people, what have I done unto thee ! and wherein have I wearied thee ! testify against me.—Micah vi. 3.

Lord, we have wander'd from the way,
Like foolish sheep we've gone astray ;
Our pleasant pastures we have left,
And of their guard our souls bereft.

In backsliding, we speak against God,
and bear a false witness to men ; in
returning, we acknowledge our faults,
and endeavour to repair the injury.

January 23.

**I WILL be a Father unto you, and
ye shall be my sons and daughters,
saith the Lord Almighty.—2 Cor. vi. 18.**

My sons and daughters you shall be,
Through the atoning blood ;
And you shall claim and find in me
A Father and a God.

Those who separate from the world,
and forsake sin at God's command,
shall always be his beloved children.

January 24.

MY defence is of God, which saveth
the upright in heart.—Ps. vii. 10.

The Lord is Judge—before his throne
All nations shall his justice own :
Oh may my soul be found sincere,
And stand approv'd with courage there.

Uprightness of heart will produce holiness of life ; and such as are truly holy are always safe.

January 25.

A FRIEND loveth at all times, and
a brother is born for adversity.—
Prov. xvii. 17.

His love no end nor measure knows,
No change can turn its course,
Immutably the same it flows
From one eternal source.

Such a friend is Jesus—his love is
without variableness or the shadow of
a turning ; and he is the brother who
befriends us in adversity.

January 26.

IF any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.—1 John ii. 1.

Look up, my soul, with cheerful eye,
See where the great Redeemer stands,—
The glorious Advocate on high,
With precious incense in his hands.

What Jesus did and suffered for us
on earth, he pleads on our behalf in
heaven ; therefore our sins are forgiven
and our persons are accepted.

January 27.

THE Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil
—2 Thess. iii. 3.

The Lord is faithful still to guide
And guard us night and day ;
The Lord is faithful to provide,
And keep us lest we stray.

Walk closely with God, and he will
faithfully preserve you from Satan,
and establish your goings in his ways.

January 28.

THE needy shall not alway be forgotten : the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.—Ps. ix. 18.

He'll not forget your suppliant prayer,
Ye humble souls awhile oppress !
The poor his plenteous grace shall share,
Nor hope deceive th' afflicted breast.

The prayers of the needy are sure of an answer, for God is true ; and the hopes of the poor in spirit will in due time be realized.

January 29.

IT is the Lord ; let him do what seemeth him good.—1 Sam. iii. 18.

One good I covet, and that good alone—
To choose thy will from selfish bias free,
And to prefer a cottage to a throne,
And grief to comfort, if it pleases thee.

All God's appointments are wise, and all his dispensations are gracious ; it becomes us, therefore, not only to submit, but to be pleased with them.

January 30.

HEREBY perceive we the love of
God, because he laid down his life
for us.—1 John iii. 16.

Guiltily and weak to thee I fly,
On thy atoning blood rely,
And on thy righteousness depend,
My Lord, my Saviour, and my Friend.

The Lord Jesus is God, he is also man;
God and man in one person : as such
he loved us, lived for us, and died for us.

January 31.

WHAT shall I render unto the
Lord for all his benefits toward
me ! I will take the cup of salvation,
and call upon the name of the Lord.
—Ps. cxvi. 12, 13.

The best return for one like me,
So wretched and so poor,
Is from his gifts to draw a plea,
And ask him still for more.

Whatever comes from God to us is a
benefit, however painful.

February 1.

THIS is his name whereby he shall
be called, The Lord our Righteous-
ness.—Jer. xxiii. 6.

Oh, that my faith could Jesus claim,
No more should doubts depress ;
Fain would I triumph in his name,
The Lord our Righteousness.

The righteousness by which we are
justified was wrought out by Jesus ;
and is imputed us of free grace.

February 2.

LET us therefore come boldly unto
the throne of grace, that we may
obtain mercy, and find grace to help
in time of need.—Heb. iv. 16.

Behold the throne of grace !
The promise calls me near ;
There Jesus shows a smiling face,
And waits to answer prayer.

Believer, thy God is *on* the throne,
Jesus is *before* the throne, and thou
art called *to* the throne.

February 3.

HOLD up my goings in thy paths,
that my footsteps slip not.—Ps.
xvii. 5.

With conscious weakness prone to stray,
Lord, let thy grace uphold my way;
Be thou my Leader, thou my Guide,
Else my unstable feet shall slide.

Keep the Lord's way, be jealous of
your own heart, seek the Lord's
strength, and all will be well.

February 4.

A NEW commandment I give unto
you, That ye love one another ; as
I have loved you, that ye also love one
another.—John xiii. 34.

Let love through all my conduct shine—
An image fair, though faint, of thine !
And thus may I thy follower prove,
Great Prince of peace, great God of love.

Love to saints as such, irrespective of
external circumstances, is a strong
proof of the new birth.

February 5.

BLESSED be ye poor ; for yours is
the kingdom of God.—Luke vi. 20.

These are the souls whom Christ will bless
With all the riches of his grace ;
And these are they who soon shall rise
To a bright kingdom in the skies.

The poorer we are, the more we need
the Saviour ; and the more we need
him, the more welcome we are to him.

February 6.

O THOU of little faith, wherefore
didst thou doubt ?—Matt. xiv. 31.

Faith has for its foundation broad
A stable rock, on which I stand,
The truth and faithfulness of God ;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Our doubts dishonour God, disturb
our peace, and give Satan power over
us ; let us hold fast the faithful word,
and expect the Lord to make it good.

February 7.

YIELD yourselves unto God, as those
that are alive from the dead.—

Rom. vi. 13.

Love, this gentle admonition,
Whispers soft within my breast :
"Choice befits not thy condition,
Acquiescence suits thee best."

We should yield our understandings
to his word, our hearts to his influ-
ence, and our lives to his disposal.

February 8.

I HAVE trusted in thy mercy ; my
heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

—Ps. xiii. 5.

'Tis mercy buries all complaints,
Gives pleasures ever new ;
Oh, how it triumphs o'er the saints,
And makes them triumph, too!

Confidence in God's mercy will prompt
us to fervent prayer ; and fervent
prayer will be crowned with joyful
success : faith is the root of prayer.

February 9.

HE will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will save them.—Ps. cxlv. 19.

Those feeble desires, those wishes so weak,
Tis Jesus inspires, and bids thee still seek :
His Spirit will cherish the life he first gave,
You never shall periah, if Jesus can save.

The heart is as the desires are ; if we ardently desire spiritual things, we are spiritual, and God will fulfil our desires.

February 10.

UNTO you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.—Mal. iv. 2.

To fear thy name, to trust thy grace,
To learn thy will be my employ,
Till I shall see thee face to face,
Thyself my heaven—thyself my joy.

The best Christians are sometimes in the dark : this is necessary to try them ; but light is sown for them, and deliverance is not far from them.

February 11.

PRESERVE me, O God; for in thee
do I put my trust.—Ps. xvi. 1.

Almighty God, preserve my soul,
I trust thy arm divine;
My steadfast faith, thou Lord of all,
Delights to call thee mine.

He that trusteth in God, may expect
to be preserved by God: nor shall
such expectations be disappointed.

February 12.

OF his fulness have all we received,
and grace for grace.—John i. 16.

All things I want; but one is nigh
My want of all things to supply;
Pardon, and peace, and liberty,
Jesus, I all things have in thee.

All fulness is in Jesus; it is there for
his people; they are always welcome
to it: you cannot be more welcome
than you are at this moment; go and
receive, and thus glorify him.

February 13.

THE eternal God is thy refuge ; and
underneath are the everlasting
arms.—Deut. xxxiii. 27.

On everlasting arms I lean ;
These only can sustain my hope ;
These have till now my refuge been,
And these thro' life still hold me up.

The strength that supports us is om-
nipotent, the refuge that preserves us
is eternal ; why then should we fear ?

February 14.

I WILL not leave you comfortless ; I
will come to you.—John xiv. 18.

Thanks to thy name, all-gracious Lord,
For every promise in thy word ;
But oh, with this our hearts impress,
"I will not leave you comfortless."

Jesus never leaves his people, though
he sometimes hides his face from
them ; he always sympathizes with
them in their sorrows, and turns
their sorrow into joy.

February 15.

BEHOLD the Lamb of God, which
taketh away the sin of the world.

—John i. 29.

In every state, and time, and place,
Plead only Jesus' blood;
However wretched be your case,
"Behold the Lamb of God."

Looking to Jesus, as the sin-bearing
Lamb of God, will quiet the con-
science, calm the mind, sanctify the
heart, and correct the life.

February 16.

KEEP me as the apple of the eye,
hide me under the shadow of thy
wings.—Ps. xvii. 8.

To me thy watchful care apply,
Quick as the shade which guards the eye;
While round my soul thy mercy flings
The shelt'ring shadow of its wings.

The Lord will carefully keep and com-
fortably protect those who put their
trust in him.

February 17.

BEHOLD, God is my salvation ; I
will trust and not be afraid.—Isa.
xii. 2.

To the Eternal thanks belong,
Who hast become our strength and song.
In Jesus we adore thy grace,
Which saves and sanctifies our race.

Our Saviour is God, and in saving us
he displays all the glories of his cha-
racter.

February 18.

GOD resisteth the proud, but giveth
grace unto the humble. Submit
yourselves therefore to God.—James
iv. 6, 7.

Wishing is but inclination
Quarrelling with God's decrees ;
Wayward nature finds the occasion—
'Tis her folly and disease

Humble souls may obtain anything
from the Lord, but the proud will
meet with a repulse.

February 19.

LET this mind be in you, which was
also in Christ Jesus.—Phil. ii. 5.

Come, let us imitate his love,
And walk as Jesus walk'd below ;
The Lord will such attempts approve,
And we shall his salvation show.

The mind of Jesus was characterized
by peace, holiness, humility, truth,
confidence, and love.

February 20.

OUR fathers trusted in thee ; they
trusted and thou didst deliver
them.—Ps. xxii. 4.

From want of faith our sorrows flow ;
Short-sighted mortals, weak and blind,
Bend down their eyes to earth and woe,
And doubt if providence is kind.

Our fathers were severely tried, but
they trusted in the God who tried
them, and he honoured their trust by
delivering them.

February 21.

WHY dost thou strive against him ?
for he giveth not account of any
of his matters.—Job xxxiii. 13.

Confess him righteous in his just decrees,
Love what he loves, and let his pleasure please.
Die daily, from the touch of sin recede
Then thou hast crowned him, and he reigns
indeed.

Nothing can be more irrational and
absurd than for a sinful creature to
strive with his Maker.

February 22.

I WILL heal their backsliding, I will
love them freely.—Hosea xiv. 4.

Though I have griev'd thy Spirit, Lord,
His help and comfort still afford ;
And let a poor backslider trace
The wonders of restoring grace.

If God love a backslider at all, it must
be freely ; but he loves just because
he will love, and looks for no cause
out of himself.

February 23.

ARISE ye, and depart ; for this is
not your rest : because it is pol-
luted.—Micah ii. 10.

It needs our hearts be wean'd from earth,
It needs that we be driven,
By loss of every earthly stay,
To seek our joys in heaven.

The earth, in its present state, is not
intended to be the home of the Lord's
family : their rest is above.

February 24.

MANY are the afflictions of the
righteous ; but the Lord delivereth
him out of them all.—Ps. xxxiv. 19.

Numerous waves of trouble rolling,
Oft his humble saints oppress ;
But the Lord, their rage controlling,
Saves his servants from distress.

Affliction is the furnace in which God
tries his gold, he intends purification,
not injury ; deliverance is sure when
the dross is removed.

February 25.

CHRIST our passover is sacrificed
for us ; therefore let us keep the
feast.—1 Cor. v. 7, 8.

Once Jesus, as thy surety, bled ;
Was crowned with thorns, to Calvary led,
From sin and curse to set thee free ;
His blood's a peaceful sign to thee.

The Lord passes over the sins of his
people, and saves their persons, be-
cause Jesus died in their stead.

February 26.

IN whom we have boldness and ac-
cess with confidence by the faith
of him.—Eph. iii. 12.

The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do ;
My Saviour's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view.

As believers, we are not only per-
mitted to approach God, but to open our
mouths and speak freely before him
confident of acceptance and success.

February 27.

THE peace of God, which passeth
all understanding, shall keep your
hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

—Phil. iv. 7.

Will my God this peace reveal,
When my heart and flesh shall fall?
Then I'll sing in Jordan's flood,
Sweet's the peace that's made by blood.

It is only as we place unhesitating confidence in the atonement, and cast all our cares upon God, that we can enjoy peace.

February 28.

SET your affection on things above,
not on things on the earth.—Col. iii. 2.

Rise, from these earthly trifles, rise
On wings of faith and love;
Above your chiefest treasure lies,
And be your hearts above.

Let us think of heaven as the residence of God and his saints, as the region of holiness and love.

February 29.

KEEP back thy servant also from presumptuous sins ; let them not have dominion over me.—Ps. xix. 13.

From each presumptuous way restrain,
Nor on my heart let guilt remain :
Then shall my spirit stand sincere,
From guilt's allow'd dominion clear.

There is nothing so bad, but, if left
to ourselves, we shall fall into it.

March 1.

THE Lord is our judge, the Lord is
our lawgiver, the Lord is our king ;
he will save us.—Isa. xxxiii. 22.

Infinite power and boundless grace
In him unite their rays ;
If you have e'er beheld his face,
Can you forbear his praise ?

Jesus, as our king, rules over us ; as
our lawgiver, he gives laws to us ; and
as our judge, he will pass sentence
upon us. He is all and in all.

March 2.

IF any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.—1 Cor. xvi. 22.

Such base ingratitude as this
What heart but must detest !
Sure Christ deserves the noblest place
In every human breast.

Faith in Christ always produces love to him ; if we love him not, we do not believe in him, and shall therefore be accursed when he comes.

March 3.

IS there not an appointed time to man upon earth ? Are not his days also like the days of an hireling ? Job vii. 1.

Our days are number'd, let us spare
Our anxious hearts a needless care ;
'Tis thine to number out our days,
And ours to give them to thy praise.

There is no chance where God reigns ;
he who gave us life fixed its limit.

March 4.

I WILL be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

—Heb. viii. 12.

Cheered by the hope of pardoning grace,
I come thy mercy, Lord, to prove ;
Like weeping Mary, let me taste
A pledge of thy forgiving love.

When God pardons a sinner he does
it completely ; it is for ever.

March 5.

IF any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not ; and it shall be given him.—James i. 5.

Give me thy wisdom, Lord ; the sense
Of godly sorrow give ;
A strong desiring confidence
To hear thy voice and live.

We need wisdom to manage our trials,
exercise our graces, perform our duties,
and conquer our foes.

Psalm 6.

BELIEVE in the Lord your God,
so shall ye be established ; be-
lieve his prophets, so shall ye prosper.
—2 Chron. xx. 20.

Oh, that closer I could cleave
To thy tender, loving breast !
Give me firmly to believe,
And to enter into rest.

Faith in God is essential to faith in
his word ; and steady faith in his word
is at the root of our stability and
fruitfulness.

Psalm 7.

THE will of the Lord be done.—
Acts xxi. 14.

My soul ! rest happy in thy low estate,
Nor hope, nor wish, to be esteem'd or great ;
To take the impression of a will divine,
Be that my glory, and those riches mine.

The will of God is regulated by holi-
ness, wisdom, and love, and must,
therefore, be preferable to ours.

March 8.

BEHOLD, I come quickly : hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.—Rev. iii. 11.

Lord, may I then exulting stand
Among the sheep at thy right hand,
Before the angels stand confest,
And hear thy lips proclaim me blest.

Hold fast the truth of God, it is your charter ; hold fast your confidence in God, it is your strength ; and hold fast your profession, it is your honour.

March 9.

THOU wilt save the afflicted people ;
but wilt bring down high looks.—
Ps. xviii. 27.

Down then with self exulting thoughts,
Thy faith and hope employ,
To welcome all that he allots,
and suffer shame with joy.

When afflictions produce humility,
and bring us nearer to God, salvation
is certain ; but the proud will fall.

March 10.

HATH not God chosen the poor of
this world rich in faith, and heirs
of the kingdom ?—James ii. 5.

He draws from human littleness
His grandeur and renown ;
And gen'rous hearts with joy confess
The triumph all his own.

In this world, generally, the rich have
their good things : not so the Lord's
poor, theirs is in heaven.

March 11.

THAT I may know him, and the
power of his resurrection, and the
fellowship of his sufferings, being made
conformable unto his death.—Phil.
iii. 10.

'Tis life to know the dying lamb ;
Eternal life is in his name ;
O may I in this knowledge grow,
And daily more of Jesus know.

To know Christ experimentally, is our
highest attainment : daily seek it.

March 12.

BE careful for nothing ; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.—Phil. iv. 6.

Ah, vainly anxious! leave the Lord
To rule and to dispose ;
Sweet is the mandate of his word,
And gracious all he does.

We should do with our cares as we do with our sins ; carry them to Jesus, and cast them on him.

March 13.

NO man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.—1 Thess. iii. 3.

Sov'reign love appoints the measure
And the number of our pains ;
And is pleased when we find pleasure
In the trials he ordains.

Afflictions, like storms, often agitate and alarm us, but without cause.

Psalm 14.

I SHALL be satisfied, when I awake,
with thy likeness.—Ps. xvii. 15.

Unlike my God, I cannot rest,
For sin is perfect misery ;
But stamp thine image on my breast,
Conform my panting soul to thee.

There is no perfect satisfaction here,
but when we are like God, and for
ever with God, we shall be satisfied
to the full, and satisfied for ever.

Psalm 15.

I AM the Lord thy God, which teach-
eth thee to profit, which leadeth
thee by the way that thou shouldest
go.—Isa. xlviii. 17.

Lessons of a God's inspiring,
Neither time nor place impedes ;
From our wishing and desiring,
Our unhappiness proceeds.

If the Lord is our teacher, we shall
learn to converse with him, work for
him, and carefully imitate him.

March 16.

I WILL pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplications.—Zech. xii. 10.

Come gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be thou my guardian, thou my guide,
O'er every thought and step preside.

All real prayer begins with God: it is the Holy Spirit that shows us our wants, leads to the throne of grace, and helps our infirmities there.

March 17.

HE shall choose our inheritance for us.—Ps. xlvii. 4.

His choice is safer than our own,
Of ages past inquire—
What the most formidable fate?
To have our own desire.

As Joseph chose the best of the land for his brethren, so the Lord has chosen the best lot for his people.

March 18.

WHO his own self bare our sins in
his own body on the tree, that
we, being dead to sins, should live
unto righteousness.—1 Pet. ii. 24.

He bore our sins, our sorrows fell
Like mountains on his soul ;
Like rising seas he saw them swell,
Like raging billows roll.

Our sins were imputed to Jesus, pun-
ished in Jesus, put away by Jesus,
and we pardoned for the sake of
Jesus.

March 19.

THOU hast delivered my soul from
death, mine eyes from tears, and my
feet from falling.—Ps. cxvi. 8.

And now, in the strength he has given,
And pledged his own word to bestow,
I'll fight through my passage to heaven,
And sing of his love as I go.

Past mercies should animate us in
present duties and trials.

March 20.

I WILL bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried.—Zech. xiii. 9.

He'll purge away nought but my dross,
Then let him afflict, I'll adore;
And cheerfully bear up the cross,
Which Jesus has carried before.

Every Christian must have his cross ;
but very few are satisfied with the
one appointed for them.

March 21.

AS one whom his mother comforteth,
so will I comfort you ; and ye shall
be comforted.—Isa. lxvi. 13.

Christians find rich consolation,
Solid ground on which to rest ;
Trusting in the great salvation,
Not deserted though oppress'd.

Our God is the God of all comfort ;
let us therefore look to him under all
our sorrows, he will comfort us.

March 22.

HAVE no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.—Ephes. v. 11.

For God industriously employ
Whate'er his bounteous grace hath giv'n ;
And run thy course with sacred joy,
And closely walk with him to heaven.

Fellowship with sinners is contaminating, while spiritual fellowship is improving.

March 23.

RESTORE unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.—Ps. li. 12.

Dear Lord, thy absence I deplore,
Thy saving joys again restore ;
And let thy Spirit, gen'rous, free !
Uphold my future steps with thee.

Sin extinguishes the flame of holy joy, and when once it is extinguished, only the Lord can rekindle it : let us walk warily and uprightly.

Marth 24.

IN Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.—Gal. vi. 15.

Now, Lord, I would be thine alone,
And wholly live to thee ;
But may I hope that thou wilt own
A worthless worm like me !

It matters not whether we are Jews
or Gentiles, we must be born again.

Marth 25.

NOW the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace in believing,
that ye may abound in hope through
the power of the Holy Ghost.—Rom.
xv. 13.

Cheer my desponding heart
With consolations sweet,
Give me to lie with humble hope
At my Redeemer's feet.

The author of our hope is the source
of our joy ; no one can produce a good
hope in a sinner's heart but God.



March 26.

OUGHT not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory ?—Luke xxiv. 26.

'Twas *justice* that wreathed for his head
The thorns that encircled it round ;
Thy temples, Immanuel, bled,
That mine might with glory be crown'd.

The engagement of Jesus to suffer for his people was voluntary, but after he had engaged, his sufferings became necessary.

March 27.

GIVE unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.—1 Chron. xvi. 29.

No longer then thou wilt encroach
On his eternal right ;
And he shall smile at thy approach,
And make thee his delight.

As God is the author of all good, all that is good should be ascribed to him. We cannot ascribe too much to God, nor too little to man

March 28.

LORD, be merciful unto me : heal
my soul, for I have sinned against
thee.—Ps. xli. 4.

See, in the Saviour's dying blood,
Life, health, and bliss abundant flow ;
'Tis only this dear sacred flood
Can ease thy pain, and heal thy woe.

In sickness and sorrow we can only
appeal to mercy ; but the appeal is
always honoured, and healing and
health is conferred on the soul.

March 29.

WHO knoweth what is good for a
man in this life, all the days of
his vain life !—Eccles. vi. 12.

My Father's wisdom cannot err,
His love no change or failure knows ;
Be mine his counsel to prefer,
And acquiesce in all he does.

If we did but believe in God's love to
us, we should be satisfied with the
provision he has made for us.

March 30.

IN the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.—John xvi. 33.

Sure every cross a mercy is,
A blessing every thorn,—
That tells me, here is not my bliss,
I am for nobler born.

In the world trouble, in Jesus peace ;
this is the Divine arrangement : and
the trials we meet with in the world
greatly endear the Saviour.

March 31.

WOE unto him that striveth with
his Maker.—Isa. xlv. 7.

Yield to the Lord with simple heart,
All that thou hast, and all thou art ;
Renounce all strength but strength divine,
And peace shall be for ever thine.

Opposition to God is opposition to a
wise and holy father ; it is highly
criminal, and as foolish as the traveller
kicking against a rock.

April 1.

THY Maker is thine husband ; The
Lord of hosts is his name.—Isa.
liv. 5.

He is of relatives a store,
A Friend to help in thrall,
Thy brother much, thy father more,
Thy husband most of all.

This relationship calls for confidence,
dependence, love, and obedience : if
God is our husband, all will be well.

April 2.

WHO remembered us in our low
estate ; for his mercy endureth for
ever.—Ps. cxxxvi. 23.

He raised me from the lowest state,
When hell was my desert ;
I broke his law, and, (worse than that,)
Alas ! I broke his heart.

Sin would have sunk us to the lowest
hell, but grace raises us to the highest
heaven ; God's remembrance is de-
liverance.

April 3.

REJOICE, because your names are
written in heaven.—Luke x. 20.

Ne'er had you been convinced of sin,
Or sought the Saviour's love,
Unless your worthless names had been
Enroll'd to life above.

If God writes his law on our hearts,
and we strive to write it out in our
lives, it is a proof that our names are
written in the Lamb's book of life.

April 4.

IF any man will come after me, let
him deny himself, and take up his
cross, and follow me.—Matt. xvi. 24.

That we should bear the cross is his command,
Die to the world and live to self no more ;
Suffer unmoved beneath the rudest hand,
As pleased when shipwrecked as when safe
on shore.

Self-denial is the first Christian duty ;
Jesus *must* be Lord, he *will* be both
imitated and obeyed.

April 5.

HE hath done all things well.—
Mark vii. 37.

How sovereign, wonderful, and free,
Is all his love to sinful me;
He plucked me as a brand from hell,
My Jesus hath done all things well.

The conduct of Jesus is always
right; for love, wisdom, and power
regulate all his actions.

April 6.

FROM the end of the earth will I
cry unto thee, when my heart is
overwhelmed : lead me to the rock
that is higher than I.—Ps. lxi. 2.

When sorely afflicted and ready to faint,
Before my Redeemer I'll spread my complaint,
In every new trial, to him will I cry,
"Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

Jesus is the rock in which we are safe,
and where we may find supplies ; to
him let us repair in danger, and ap-
ply in want.

April 7.

CAN two walk together, except they
be agreed ?—Amos iii. 3.

O may my heart with thine agree,
Pursue thy glorious end ;
Then shall I walk to heaven with thee,
My everlasting friend.

Reconciliation to God through the
blood of Jesus, and sanctification by
the Holy Spirit, are absolutely neces-
sary to walking with God.

April 8.

HE will turn again, he will have
compassion upon us.--Micah vii. 19.

Saviour, while after thee I mourn,
Thou wilt compassion show ;
In mercy to my soul return,
And all my sins subdue.

Under all our changes, the Lord's
heart remains unchanged ; and when
we are suitably affected with a sense
of our sins, he will turn and manifest
himself again.

April 9.

THE Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.—Nah. i. 7.

We run in distress to Jesus our tower,
And trust in his grace, his truth, and his pow'r,
The weakest believer he knows and approves,
And saves us for ever whom freely he loves

The goodness of God shines forth conspicuously in our troubles and trials, and he always supports and delivers those who trust in him.

April 10.

HE that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.—Zech. ii. 8.

If crush'd on earth the foot complain,
Feeling the injury,
The head above cries out in pain,
"Thou persecutest me."

The union between Jesus and his people is so close, that his sympathy with them is so tender, that in all their afflictions he is afflicted.

April 11.

LET your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in
heaven.—Matt. v. 16.

The light in us *must* shine,
Thou, Lord, direct its rays,
So shall it show its source divine,
And glorify thy grace.

Conversation and conduct should
agree ; that men may see that our
principles produce our practice.

— — —
April 12.

TRUST in him at all times ; ye
people, pour out your heart be-
fore him.—Ps. lxi. 8.

Now let the people trust his name,
In every time his mercy claim ;
Pour out your heart before his face,
Our refuge is the God of grace.

Our confidence in God should be
constant, and our prayers to God per-
petual, so should we enjoy his love.

April 13.

NOW abideth faith, hope, charity,
these three ; but the greatest of
these is charity.—1 Cor. xiii. 13

Faith the foundation sure remains,
The anchor, hope, our soul sustains,
But, rooted in thy grace, we prove,
The greatest of the three is love.

Faith believes God's word, hope expects
God's blessing, and love devotes
us to the Lord's glory.

April 14.

WHATSOEVER ye would that
men should do to you, do ye even
so to them.—Matt. vii. 12.

Jesus, thy Spirit's power impart,
Write thy commandments on my heart,
And all my righteous life shall prove,
The perfect law fulfilled in love.

This precept must commend itself to
every man's conscience; it is so simple,
that we must understand it, and so
just, that we must approve of it.

April 15.

THINE eyes shall see the King in
his beauty.—Isa. xxxiii. 17.

I long to behold him arrayed
With glory and light from above ;
The king in his beauty, display'd,
His beauty of holiest love.

Every Christian longs for a sight of
the Saviour, and God will satisfy every
such longing soul ; Jesus will soon
come to be admired by all them that
believe.

April 16.

HE is not ashamed to call them
brethren.—Heb. ii. 11.

We call him brother, and may claim
The sympathies of that dear name ; -
Our spirits, trembling, faint, and weak,
From him repose and rest may seek.

If Jesus is not ashamed to call such
sinners as we are brethren, let us be
careful that we are never ashamed to
own that such a Saviour is our Lord.

April 17.

THOU shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.—Ps. lxxiii. 24.

God will for all my wants provide,
And save me for his mercy's sake;
Me by his counsel he will guide,
And afterwards to glory take.

If we are willing to be guided by the Lord's counsel, we shall escape innumerable snares and disappointments, and shall certainly reach heaven at last.

April 18.

BLESSED is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.—Matt. xi. 6.

O may I never, never be
Offended at thy words or thee,
But steadily obedient, prove
The blessedness of simple love.

Strong love to Christ will enable us to bear any thing for Christ, and to be pleased with every thing in Christ.

April 19.

FEAR not, little flock ; for it is your
Father's good pleasure to give you
the kingdom.—Luke xii. 32.

Your Father will a kingdom give,
And give it with delight ;
His feeblest child his love shall call
To triumph in his sight.

The Saviour's flock is his delight, for
his people a kingdom is provided, and
he will welcome them to it at last.

April 20.

BRING my soul out of prison, that I
may praise thy name.—Ps. cxlii. 7.

From bondage, guilt, and fear release,
My God, thy name to praise ;
Then shall the righteous round me press,
And view and trust thy grace.

When guilt rests on the conscience,
and unbelief works in the soul, we
feel as if enclosed within prison walls,
from which state none but the Lord
can deliver us.

April 21.

IN the Lord put I my trust: how say
ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your
mountain.—Ps. xi. 1.

Thou mayest flee: he tells thee where;
Tells thee to Jesus Christ to fly;
And while he sees thee trusting there,
There's only mercy in his eye.

Man says, "Flee to creatures, and
seek safety in them;" God says, "Flee
to Jesus, and thou art safe."

April 22.

ONE shall say, I am the Lord's.—
Isa. xlv. 5.

'Tis done, the great transaction's done;
I am the Lord's and he is mine;
He drew me, and I followed on,
Charm'd to confess the voice divine.

The moment of decision is the most
important in a man's life, and is
fraught with the greatest blessings;
if we are indeed the Lord's, then all
that he has is ours.

April 23.

AND he said, I beseech thee, show
me thy glory.—Exod. xxxiii. 18.

May we behold thy glories shine,
With gentle beams of love divine ;
And hear thy secret voice proclaim
The various wonders of thy name.

The glory of God shines forth in the
person and work of Jesus, and when
the Holy Spirit shines upon the soul,
we behold the glory of God in him.

April 24.

ALL manner of sin and blasphemy
shall be forgiven unto men. —Matt.
xii. 31.

Lord, I expect the promis'd grace,
And when thou hast forgiven,
Pardon shall lead to holiness,
And holiness to heaven.

No sin is too great for God to forgive,
no stain is too deep for the blood of
Jesus to remove, and no sinner is too
vile for God to accept and bless.

April 25.

THE Lord's portion is his people ;
Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

—Deut. xxxii. 9.

That I am thine, my soul would boast,
And boast its claim to thee ;
Nor shall God's property be lost,
Nor God be torn from me.

It is difficult to say which is the more
wonderful—that God should be our
portion, or take us to be his.

April 26

A BRUISED reed shall he not
break, and the smoking flax shall
he not quench.—Isa. xlii. 3.

No, I find he never will,
(Jesus is a Saviour still ;)
He who kindled my desire,
Will not let the spark expire.

No heart is so kind—no eye so pene-
trating—no ear so quick—no hand
so gentle—as the heart, eye, ear, and
hand of Jesus ; here is our comfort
and security.

April 27.

DAVID encouraged himself in the
Lord his God.—1 Sam. xxx. 6.

What though our mortal comforts fade,
And drop like withering flowers;
Nor time nor death can break that bond
Which makes Jehovah ours.

When all within us is dark, and all
around us is depressing, then is the
time to turn from everything to God,
and seek happiness only in him.

April 28.

I WOULD have you without care-
fulness.—1 Cor. vii. 32.

My cares, I give you to the wind,
And shake you off like dust.
Well may I trust my all with him,
With whom my soul I trust.

Confidence in God is the cure of care,
and that we may have confidence in
him, he has given us his word, his
oath, and his only begotten Son.

April 29.

WHO may abide the day of his coming ? and who shall stand when he appeareth ?—Mal. iii. 2.

The men who freely pardoned here,
On Jesus' death depend ;
Shall boldly at the bar appear,
And find the Judge their friend.

Jesus is coming ; he is coming to separate the sheep from the goats, his coming will be awfully grand ; are we prepared for it ?

April 30.

THERE remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.—Heb. iv. 9.

O, if I, as one forgiven,
Reach at last that happy shore ;
How shall all the hosts of heaven
Shout, and wonder, and adore !

Here we must labour, in heaven we shall rest ; here we must suffer, there we shall be filled with joy ; here we journey, there we shall enjoy repose.

Step 1.

THOU shalt call his name Jesus; for
he shall save his people from their
sins.—Matt. i. 21.

Jesus, in thy transporting name
What glories meet our eyes!
Thou art the angels' sweetest theme
The wonder of the skies.

Jesus will not wear a name which he
does not deserve; he is the Saviour,
and he saves all who apply to him.

Step 2.

SURELY goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life.

—Ps. xxiii. 6.

Through all the winding maze of life,
His hand hath been my guide;
And in that long-experienced care,
My heart shall still confide.

The mercy of God will sympathize
with us in all our sorrows, and his good-
ness will supply all our wants, until
we reach his holy habitation.

May 3.

WHAT is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul ?—Matt. xvi. 26.

If for a world a soul be lost,
Who can the loss supply?
More than a thousand worlds it cost,
One single soul to buy.

The care of the soul is our principal business, let us make sure work for eternity, nor rest satisfied short of well-grounded confidence.

May 4.

THOU wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.—Isa. xxvi. 3.

Happy the souls alone,
On thee securely stayed !
Nor shall they be in life alarmed,
Nor be in death dismayed.

Jehovah in Jesus is the support of our souls, on him alone we should rely, so should we enjoy perfect peace.

May 5.

FEAR thou not, for I am with thee ;
be not dismayed, for I am thy God ;
I will strengthen thee, yea I will help
thee, yea I will uphold thee.—Isa. xli.
10.

On this support my soul shall lean,
And banish every care ;
The gloomy vale of death must smile,
If God be with me there.

God will be faithful to this promise
to-day and every day ; let us there-
fore plead it, and trust in it.

May 6.

MARY sat at Jesus' feet, and heard
his word.—Luke x. 39.

O that I through faith may sit
With his beloved ones,
Happier at my Saviour's feet,
Than monarchs on their thrones.

The humble soul, who sits with atten-
tion at the feet of Jesus, will learn his
will, and imbibe his spirit.

May 7.

LET him that glorieth glory in this,
that he understandeth and knoweth
me, that I am the Lord.—Jer. ix. 24.

All else which I my treasure call,
May in one fatal moment fall ;
But what his happiness can move,
Whom God, the blessed, deigns to love.

To know God aright is an unfailing
source of joy and peace ; for all who
know him trust him, and find peace.

May 8.

MY God, my God, why hast thou for-
saken me ?—Matt. xxvii. 46.

Thou all my sin and curse hast took,
That I may blest and holy be
Thou by thy Father art forsook,
That God may ne'er abandon me.

Marvellous was the experience of
Jesus when forsaken by his God ;
well can he sympathize with us when
suffering from the hiding of our Fa-
ther's face.

May 9.

BEING justified freely by his grace,
through the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus.—Rom. iii. 24.

Jesna, how glorious is thy grace!
When in thy name we trust;
Our faith receives a righteousness
That makes the sinner just.

Justification flows from grace, and is
by the imputation of the work of Jesus
to us; on the ground of this, every
believer is pronounced righteous.

May 10.

DID not our heart burn within us,
while he talked with us by the
way!—Luke xxiv. 32.

He came from heaven to kindle fire
In earthly hearts like mine;
Now, Lord, the flame of love inspire,
Which may for ever shine.

Fellowship with Jesus will soften the
heart, inflame the affections, awaken
holy desires, and impart solid joy.

May 11.

HE that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life.—John v. 24.

Blest with the faith that works by love,
Blest with eternal life thou art ;
Thou hast the life of those above,
The seed of glory in thy heart.

Faith is the root of every Christian grace, and the germ of eternal life ; he that believes in Jesus lives to God.

May 12.

YET will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.—Hab. iii. 18.

God is the treasure of my soul,
A source of sacred joy ;
Which no afflictions can control,
Nor death itself destroy.

Christians should not be too much affected by second causes, but should live by faith in God, who is the great first cause of all things.

Step 13.

I WILL also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord.—Zeph. iii. 12.

Poor and afflicted though we are,
In thy strong name we trust;
And bless the hand of sovereign love,
Which lifts us from the dust.

Our circumstances are not the effect of chance, but the result of arrangement, and are the best for us.

Step 14.

MAKE thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.—Pa. xxxi. 16.

One ray of light and comfort dart,
One spark of faith into my heart:
And let me feel thy sprinkl'd blood,
And see thee now, my Lord, my God.

When we can discover no good thing in ourselves, we ought to look up and ask every good thing of God.

May 15.

I HAVE given you an example, that
ye should do as I have done to you.

—John xiii. 15.

Thou hast a lovely one indeed,
A perfect pattern given ;
Oh give us in thy steps to tread,
And bear our cross to heaven.

If Christ is our pattern, our lives will.
be both ornamental and useful; let us
daily strive to imitate him.

May 16.

SON, be of good cheer ; thy sins be
forgiven thee.—Matt. ix. 2.

My Saviour, let me hear thy voice,
Pronounce these words of peace ;
And all my warmest powers shall join
To celebrate thy grace.

A sense of the pardon of sin is one of
the most powerful antidotes to the
miseries of human life, and should be
earnestly sought until enjoyed.

Map 17.

HE is the rock, his work is perfect ;
for all his ways are judgment ; a
God of truth and without iniquity,
just and right is he.—Deut. xxxii. 4.

He is the rock on whom we rest,
And firm on that foundation stand !
Divine compassion fills his breast—
His word is sure, and strong his hand.

Our God is a rock, on which we may
rest, and a fountain, from which we
may always obtain supplies.

Map 18.

O MY Father, if this cup may not
pass away from me, except I drink
it, thy will be done.—Matt. xxvi. 42.

Thus my submissive soul would bow,
And, taught by Jesus, lie as low ;
My heart, and not my lips alone,
Would say, Thy will, not mine, be done.

What a lovely example of submission
to his Father's will, even in the most
distressing circumstances.

May 19.

CHRI**ST** Jesus, of God, is made
unto us wisdom, and righteous-
ness, and sanctification, and redemp-
tion.—1 Cor. i. 30.

A guilty, weak, and helpless worm,
On thy kind arms I fall ;
Be thou my strength and righteousness,
My Jesus and my all.

Everything we need is in Jesus, and
in Jesus for us ; let us, therefore, look
away from self to him.

May 20.

I **A**M come that they might have
life, and that they might have it
more abundantly.—John x. 10.

The Shepherd's blood the sheep must heal,
O may we all its influence feel !
Till inward deep experience show,
Christ can begin a heaven below.

There is life in Christ for every will-
ing soul, abundance of life ; to him
let us repair for the life we need.

May 21.

AND Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh : as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.—Gen. xxii. 14.

The saints should never be dismayed,
Nor sink in hopeless fear ;
For when they least expect his aid,
The Saviour will appear.

When our wants are greatest, God is nearest ; the time of our extremity is God's opportunity.

May 22.

TURN us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.—Ps. lxxx. 7.

Thou hast helped in every need,
This emboldens me to plead ;
After so much mercy past,
Canst thou let me sink at last ?

We daily need the renewing of the Holy Ghost, let us then seek and expect it.

May 23.

AND when they came to Marah,
they could not drink of the waters
of Marah, for they were bitter.—

Exod. xv. 23.

The cross on which the Saviour died,
And conquer'd for his saints ;
This is the tree by faith apply'd,
Which sweetens all complaints.

Creatures often raise our expectations
only to disappoint them ; but sancti-
fied trials prove real blessings.

May 24.

THE righteous cry, and the Lord
heareth, and delivereth them out
of all their troubles.—Ps. xxxv. 17.

Afflictions made them love the word,
Stir up their hearts to pray'r ;
And many precious proofs afford
Of their Redeemer's care.

Prosperity often generates indiffer-
ence, but afflictions stir us up to seek
the Lord with full purpose of heart.

May 25.

I WILL come again and receive you
unto myself, that where I am, there
ye may be also.—John xiv. 3.

Depending on their faithful Lord,
To come again and fetch his bride;
Millions have lived upon this word,
And for this heavenly promise died.

Jesus never forgets or loses sight of
us for one moment, and he will very
soon come and fetch us to be with
him for ever.

May 26.

AND Nathan said to David, Thou
art the man.—2 Sam. xii. 7.

Let those who think they stand beware,
For David stood before;
Nor let the fallen soul despair,
For mercy can restore.

Sin deceives us, and then hardens us;
but grace teaches, humbles, and then
restores us ; let us beware of sin, and
daily cry for grace.

May 27.

GOD said, Ask what I shall give thee.—1 Kings iii. 5.

More of thy presence, Lord, impart;
More of thy image let me bear;
Erect thy throne within my heart,
And reign without a rival there.

Prayer is asking of God to give us what he has promised, and he has promised to give us all that we need.

May 28.

MY sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
—John x. 27.

I follow where my Shepherd leads,
And mark the path he drew;
My Shepherd's feet mount Zion treads,
And I shall reach it too.

Jesus speaks in his word, he speaks to his people, the Holy Spirit opens their ears, they hear him, approve of what he says, and obey him.

~~May~~ 29.

AND the ravens brought him bread
and flesh in the morning, and
bread and flesh in the evening; and he
drank of the brook.—1 Kings xvii. 6.

More likely to rob than to feed,
Were ravens who live upon prey;
But when the Lord's people have need,
His goodness will find out a way.

All creatures are under the Lord's
control and direction, and he uses the
whole of them for his people's good.

~~May~~ 30.

WHAT I do thou knowest not now,
but thou shalt know hereafter.—
John xiii. 7.

Jesus, we own thy sovereign hand,
Thy faithful care we own;
Wisdom and love are all thy ways,
When most to us unknown.

It is the business of faith to believe
God's word; and of patience to
wait God's time.

Step 31.

BLESSED are the poor in spirit;
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

—Matt. v. 3.

In vain the sons of wealth and pride,
Despise your lot, your hopes deride;
In vain they boast their little stores,
Trifles are *theirs*, a kingdom *yours*.

No one knows his poverty until he is
enlightened by the Holy Spirit; but
all the truly poor are willing to be
served in God's way.

June 1.

IT pleased the Father, that in him
should all fulness dwell.—Col. i. 19.

Let me now, O Lord, receive
All thou dost to sinners give;
All thou hast, and all thou art,
Dwell for ever in my heart.

Every comfort we can need in time,
and every blessing we can enjoy in
eternity, is in Jesus; let us therefore
look to him for all in life and in death.

June 2.

TRUST ye in the Lord for ever :
for in the Lord JEHOVAH is ever-
lasting strength.—Isa. xxvi. 4.

How safe and how happy are they
Who on the good Shepherd rely ;
He gives them out strength for the day,
Their wants he will surely supply.

Creatures are shifting and changeable,
and therefore not to be trusted at any
time ; but God is immutable, and there-
fore to be trusted at all times.

June 3.

BE still and know that I am God ;
I will be exalted among the hea-
then.—Ps. xlv. 10.

To thee we yield our comforts up,
To thee our lives resign ;
In straits and dangers rich and safe,
If we and ours are thine.

Under some dispensations we must be
dumb, silently adoring the Divine
sovereignty.

June 4.

IF ye love me, keep my commandments.—John xiv. 15.

Strangers to thy love are they
Who call it bondage to obey ;
Be it my delight to prove,
Obedience is the truth of love.

Spiritual love always produces a practical conformity to the Lord's precepts ; he that does not obey the Saviour does not love him ; the friends of Jesus do whatsoever he commands them.

June 5.

HAVING therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day.
—Acts xxvi. 22.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come ;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Nothing could have kept us but grace,
and the grace that has hitherto kept,
will keep us unto the end.

June 6.

I AM the Lord, I change not ; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.—Mal. iii. 6.

Crosses and changes are their lot,
Long as they sojourn here ;
But since their Saviour changes not,
What have the saints to fear !

What the Lord was to his saints of old, he is to us ; and what he is to us at this moment, he ever will be.

June 7.

HE led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.—Ps. cvii. 7.

They often murmured by the way,
Because they judged by sight ;
But were at length constrained to say,
The Lord had led them right.

The Lord's way is often rough, but it is always right ; there is but one right way, and that is it by which the Lord is leading us.

June 8.

LORD, what wilt thou have me to do ?

—Acts ix. 6.

I would not see, but in thy light ;
I would not walk, but in thy might ;
Or work a work, or speak a word,
Or think a thought, without my Lord.

The Lord would have us believe in
his Son, rest on his faithful promise,
and walk by his holy precepts ; this is
the will of God concerning us.

June 9.

AS the Father hath loved me, so have
I loved you : continue ye in my
love.—John xv. 9.

So sure, so constant, and so strong,
Do his endearments prove,
O may their energy prevail
To fix us in his love.

As the Father cannot love Jesus more
than he does, Jesus cannot love us
more than he does ; this should fix
our hearts and our thoughts on him.

June 10.

LOOK unto me, and be ye saved, all
the ends of the earth ; for I am
God.—Isa. xlv. 22.

Though your heart has long been harden'd,
Look on me, it soft shall grow ;
Past transgressions shall be pardon'd,
And I'll wash you white as snow.

By looking on the forbidden fruit our
first parents fell, and by looking to
the Lord Jesus, the tree of life, we
rise and live for ever.

June 11.

THEY that be whole need not a
physician.—Matt. ix. 12.

Lord, I am sick, regard my cry,
And set my spirit free ;
Say, carst thou let a sinner die,
Who longs to live to thee ?

The very things that deject and dis-
tress us are the things that fit us for
the Saviour ; if we were not sinners
we should not need the Saviour.

June 12.

CALL unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things that thou knowest not.

—Jer. xxxiii. 3.

Fear thou not, distress'd believer,
Venture on his mighty name :
He is able to deliver.
And his love is still the same.

In every place the throne of grace is near, at all times God is accessible to us, and every trouble furnishes us with a message to him.

June 13.

THIS mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.—Col. i. 27.

JESUS, to me the secret tell,
Thyself, the gift unspeakable,
The hope of heavenly bliss impart,
The glorious earnest in my heart.

Christ living in us, is the source of our sanctification ; if he pleads *for* us in heaven, he will dwell *in* us on earth.

June 14.

GOD, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts.—2 Cor. iv. 6.

Shine, mighty God, with vigour shine,
On this benighted heart of mine ;
And let thy glories stand revealed,
As in the Saviour's face beheld.

Real religion always begins with God, his communications produce our aspirations ; we never pray until he has quickened.

June 15.

IS the Lord's hand waxed short ?
—Num. xi. 23.

How often has he brought relief,
And every want supply'd ;
Yet soon again our unbelief
Says, " Can the Lord provide ?"

Nothing dishonours God more than our doubts ; and yet we are so frequently doubting, it is to be feared that we do not realize it as a sin.

June 16.

WHICH hope we have as an anchor
of the soul, both sure and stead-
fast.—Heb. vi. 19.

Steadfast and sure, it cannot fail,
It enters deep within the veil,
It fastens on a land unknown,
And moors me to my Father's throne.

Faith has most to do with the promise
in God's word, but hope with the bless-
ing in God's hand; it is expecting
from God what he has promised.

June 17.

MARY hath chosen that good part,
which shall not be taken away
from her.—Luke x. 42.

Let grov'ling hearts the world admire,
Thy love is all that I require,
Gladly I may all else resign,
If the one needful thing be mine.

The choice shows the state of the
heart: if the heart is right, fellow-
ship with Jesus is valued and sought.

June 18.

I AM crucified with Christ : nevertheless I live ; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.—Gal. ii. 20.

Be dead, my heart, to worldly charms,
Be dead to every sin :
And tell the boldest foes without,
That Jesus reigns within.

Realizing union to Jesus, we perceive
that we are interested in all that he
did ; and we find that he liveth in us
as our life and hope.

June 19.

THE end of all things is at hand : be-
ye therefore sober, and watch unto
prayer.—1 Pet. iv. 7.

Ah, give me, Lord, the sober mind,
The heaven-insuring care ;
So shall I pass the days behind,
In watchfulness and prayer.

Death will shortly remove us from
this world ; therefore sobriety and
prayer should characterize us.

June 20.

HO! every one that thirsteth come
ye to the waters, and he that hath
no money; come ye.—Isa. lv. 1.

'Tis thus the Lord his love reveals,
To call poor sinners home;
More than a Father's love he feels,
And welcomes all that come.

The fulness of Jesus is thrown open
to us to-day; let us accept the invi-
tation, apply for the blessings, and be
happy.

June 21.

THE Lord will give strength unto
his people; the Lord will bless his
people with peace.—Ps. xxix. 11.

His nature, truth, and love,
Engage him on their side;
When they are grieved, his bowels move,
And can they be denied?

Our wants appeal to the Lord's bene-
volence, and, as a Father, he gives us
whatever we ask of him in faith.

June 22.

I HAVE prayed for thee, that thy
faith fail not.—Luke xxii. 32.

Our Jesus lives to intercede,
That faith may still prevail;
He will support in time of need,
And Satan's arts shall fail.

Faith is the object of Satan's especial
hatred, he tries by all means to weaken
and shake it ; but our Lord keeps his
eye upon it, and will preserve it.

June 23.

THEY that trust in the Lord shall
be as Mount Zion, which cannot be
removed.—Pa. cxxv. 1.

Thus they who in the Lord confide,
Though foes assault on every side,
Cannot be mov'd or overthrown,
For Jesus makes their cause his own.

When we feel weak as a bruised reed
and like the feather exposed to the
winds, trusting to Jesus, we are stable
as the mountains, and safe as the rock.

June 24.

WHOSOEVER shall call upon the
name of the Lord shall be saved.

—Rom. x. 13.

Jesus rescues Satan's slaves;

His dear wounds still plead "Forgive."

Jesus to the utmost saves ;

Look to him, my soul, and live.

Faith in the gospel always produces
prayer—prayer appealing to God's
mercy always brings salvation.

June 25.

IF ye be reproached for the name of
Christ, happy are ye.—1 Pet. iv. 14.

Slandered in the cause of Jesus,

When we suffer for his name;

Jesus then delights to bless us,

Jesus dignifies our shame.

If impropriety of conduct brings re-
proach upon us, we ought to be deeply
humbled ; but if our devotedness to
the Saviour does, we should rejoice.

June 26.

HEREBY we know that he abideth
in us, by the Spirit which he hath
given us.—1 John iii. 24.

O let us in this knowledge grow,
Hold fast the earnest given,
Till Jesus will himself bestow
The ripest joys of heaven.

The Spirit of God is in every believer
as the spirit of faith, love, and holi-
ness : this is the proof that we are the
Lord's, and that he is ours.

June 27.

IN Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes
were far off are made nigh by the
blood of Christ.—Eph. ii. 13.

Draw me, O Lord, with quickening-grace,
And bring me yet more near ;
Here may I see thy glories shine,
And taste thy mercies here.

If we know anything of nearness to
God, we sigh for greater nearness,
and daily mourn over our distance
from him.

June 28.

REDEEMING the time, because
the days are evil.—Ephes. v. 16.

Great source of wisdom, teach my heart

To know the price of every hour ;

That time may bear me on to joys,

Beyond its measure and its power.

He that knows the value of time will
improve it, and will zealously buy
up all opportunities of usefulness which
offer; evil times loudly call upon us
to do good.

June 29.

WHY are ye fearful, O ye of little
faith? —Matt. viii. 26.

Our passage lies across the brink

Of many a threatening wave ;

The world expects to see us sink,

But Jesus lives to save.

Dangers are to try our faith, to stir
us up to prayer, and to give the Lord
an opportunity of displaying his
power, faithfulness, and love.

June 30.

IT is high time to awake out of sleep:
for now is our salvation nearer than
when we believed.—Rom. xiii. 11.

Still we for salvation wait,
Every hour it nearer comes;
Death will break the prison gate
And admit us to our home.

We are now saved from the power
and guilt of sin, but we look forward
for complete deliverance from its in-
being and all its effects.

July 1.

THE name of the Lord is a strong
tower; the righteous runneth into
it, and is safe.—Prov. xviii. 10.

Jesus, the everlasting God,
Thou art thy people's safe abode;
In every storm their refuge tower,
The same till time shall be no more.

The name of the Lord reveals his na-
ture, and shows us that all his per-
fections are united in our salvation
and to do us good.

July 2.

THIS is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous.—1 John v. 3.

Th' effect must from the cause proceed,
And thy dear genuine children prove
In truth, reality, and deed,
Obedience is but *actual* love.

All acceptable obedience flows from love, and all true love produces cheerful obedience; we do not love God if we do not obey him.

July 3.

BEHOLD, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints.—Jude 14.

Ye just, the faithful God and true,
Comes to be glorified in you;
Rejoice to see the Judge descend,
And boldly meet your heavenly Friend.

The second advent has always been an object of hope to the Lord's people; let us daily anticipate it.

July 4.

MY son, be strong in the grace that
is in Christ Jesus.—2 Tim. ii. 1.

My grace would soon exhausted be,
But his is boundless as the sea ;
Then let me boast, with holy Paul,
That I am nothing, Christ is all.

There is grace in Jesus for us *this*
day ; just that grace which we want,
and all we can want ; let us therefore
look to Jesus for all we can need.

July 5.

LET your conversation be without
covetousness ; and be content with
such things as ye have.—Heb. xiii. 5.

Art thou a sinner, O my soul ?
Then how canst thou complain ?
What are thy troubles here, if weigh'd
With everlasting pain ?

Covetousness is a bitter root, a pro-
lific source of unhappiness ; content-
ment is a Christian grace, and a living
spring of comfort and peace.

July 6.

FEAR not ye ; for I know that ye
seek Jesus, which was crucified.

—Matt. xxviii. 5, 6.

To look to Jesus as he rose,
Confirms my faith, disarms my foes,
Satan I shame and overcome,
By pointing to my Saviour's tomb.

The resurrection of Jesus proves the
perfection of his work, and the com-
pleteness of his conquest ; he con-
quered ! therefore we shall conquer
and triumph too.

July 7.

HAVING a desire to depart, and to
be with Christ ; which is far better.

—Phil. i. 23.

Where Jesus dwells my soul would be ;
It fains my much lov'd Lord to see :
Earth twine no more about my heart,
For 'tis far better to depart.

To have Christ with us here is *true*
blessedness, but to be with Christ in
glory is *perfect* blessedness.

July 8.

THOU shalt call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.—Matt. i. 23.

Lord, consecrate my heart,
Reign sovereign in my breast ;
Emmanuel, God with us, thou art,
And on this Rock I rest.

Jesus is the true God ; God in our nature ; God in our place ; God with us ; God for us ; God as near like us as he possibly could be.

July 9.

ALL things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.—Heb. iv. 13.

His calm eternal eye surveys
All things in one unchanging view ;
Each creature lives beneath the gaze
Of "Him with whom we have to do."

No person or thing can be concealed from the eye of God ; let us then trust in him and not be afraid.

July 10.

SOME trust in chariots, and some in horses ; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.—Ps. xx. 7.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Master, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.
The name of God warrants our confidence,
and his faithfulness to his people encourages us to exercise it.

July 11.

CHRIST is entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.—Heb. ix. 24.

Exalted on his glorious throne,
I see him make my cause his own ;
Then all my anxious cares subside,
For Jesus lives, and will provide.

Christ is now in heaven *for us*, he advocates our cause, and will bring us off victorious.

July 12.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above—Col.

iii. 1.

Rise from these earthly trifles, rise
On wings of faith and love,
Above your choicest treasure lies,
And be your hearts above.

In regeneration we rise from death in sin, and our desires and affections should be daily ascending to him.

July 13.

HE performeth the thing that is appointed for me : and many such things are with him.—Job xxiii. 14.

Jesus appoints my daily lot,
And he does all things well,
I soon shall leave this wretched spot,
And rise with him to dwell.

The dispensations of divine providence toward the saints, are but the fulfilment of the Lord's purposes of grace : all is love however bitter.

•

July 14.

I WILL wait upon the Lord, that
hideth his face from the house
of Jacob, and I will look for him.—
Isa. viii. 17.

His wisdom, love, and power,
Are all engaged for you,
And in affliction's fiery hour,
Will bring you safely through.

If the Lord frown, we should confess
our sin ; if he hide his face, we should
pray ; if he conceal himself, we should
look for him.

July 15.

BLESSED is the man whose
strength is in thee.—Ps. lxxiv. 5.

Blest are the men who lean on thee,
Who trust thy strength alone ;
Who in their God all fulness see,
And worship round his throne.

If we depend on the strength we
possess, we shall fail ; but if we trust
in the promise, we shall overcome.

July 16.

JESUS Christ, the same yesterday,
and to-day, and for ever.—Heb.
xiii. 8.

The same his power his flock to guard ;
The same his bounty to reward ;
The same his faithfulness and love
To saints on earth and saints above.

If Jesus were not God, he could not
be immutable ; if not immutable, not
always the same : but Jesus is always
the same, therefore he is God.

July 17.

BE thou faithful unto death, and I
will give thee a crown of life.—
Rev. ii. 10.

Be faithful unto death, nor fear
A few short days of strife,
Behold the prize, you soon shall wear
A crown of endless life !

The faithfulness of God to us, calls
upon us to be faithful to him ; let our
motto therefore be, " **NO SURRENDER.** "

July 18.

I SAID, I am cast out of thy sight ;
yet will I look again toward thy
holy temple.—Jonah ii. 4.

Yea with my depth of crimson guilt,
My wallings, want, and woe,
To that rich blood on Calvary split,
I'll look, I'll hope, I'll go.

If there is one monument of mercy
more remarkable than another, it is
Jonah ; and yet inconsistent Jonah
is saved : why then should I doubt !

July 19.

LO, I am with you alway, even unto
the end.—Matt. xxviii. 20.

In life my grace shall strength supply,
Proportion'd to thy day,
At death thou still shalt find me nigh,
To wipe thy tears away.

The constant presence of Jesus is at
once our safety and our comfort ; he
will sustain, supply, and console us ;
whoever leaves us, Jesus remains.

July 24.

WHATSOEVER ye shall ask the
Father in my name, he will give
it you.—John xvi. 23.

Thy blood and spotless righteousness
Are our continual plea;
And whilst the Father we address,
We do it still through thee.

To pray in the name of Jesus is to
pray as authorized by him, and to ask
for his sake ; he bids us go to his
Father, and pray thus.

July 25.

THE blood of Jesus Christ his Son
cleanseth us from all sin.—1 John
i. 7.

Here will I bathe my spotted soul,
And make it pure and fair ;
Till not the eye of God discern
One foul pollution there.

There are no limits to the efficacy of
a Saviour's blood, it never was more
efficacious than it is this morning.

July 26.

AS the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.—James ii. 26.

By works our loving faith we show,
Our sense of sins forgiven,
And walking in his steps we go
After our Head to heaven.

Faith *in* Christ conforms us *to* Christ ;
if our faith is real, it will be active ;
and its effect will be good works : no
good works, no faith.

July 27.

THAT every one which seeth the
Son, and believeth on him, may
have everlasting life.—John vi. 40.

Let nature change, and sink, and die,
Jesus shall raise his chosen high,
And fix them near his stable throne,
In glory changeless as his own.

Perceiving the divinity of the Saviour,
we place our dependence on him, and
relying on him eternal life is ours.

July 28.

CHRIST is all, and in all.—Col.
iii. 11.

O my Saviour, Shield, and Sun,
Shepherd, Brother, Husband, Friend,
Every precious name in one,
I will love thee without end.

Every believer is in Christ ; and
Christ is everything to the believer ;
he is all he needs as a sinner, and all
he desires as a saint.

July 29.

OUR God is in the heavens : he hath
done whatsoever he hath pleased.
—Ps. cxv. 3.

Our God in heaven his throne maintains,
Our God o'er all the earth he reigns ;
And when his ways are most unknown,
Through the whole world his will is done.

Our God is an absolute Sovereign,
his will is law ; he doeth just what
pleases him, but he will only choose
to do what is holy, just, and good.

July 30.

THOU art my God, my times are
in thy hand.—Ps. xxxi. 14, 15.

Now let the Lord for ever reign,
And sway us as he will ;
Sick or in health, in ease or pain,
We are his children still.

All our concerns are under divine
direction, even the most minute ; let
us therefore fix the eye on God's
hand, and acquiesce in his will.

July 31.

IF any man be in Christ, he is a new
creature.—2 Cor. v. 17.

Create all new, my will control ;
Subdue the rebel in my soul ;
Chase from my mind th' infernal foe,
And peace, the fruit of faith bestow !

Real religion is not merely reformation,
but it is a new creation ; the
heart must be thoroughly changed,
and then views, motives, desires, and
pursuits all become new.

August 1.

HE that is our God is the God of salvation.—Ps. lxxviii. 20.

Of all the crowns Jehovah bears,
Salvation is the dearest claim,
That glorious sound well pleas'd he hears,
And owns Emmanuel for his name.

We need an almighty Saviour, and
our God will not trust that work out
of his own hands ; he who created us
by his power, saves us by his grace.

August 2.

JESUS said unto him, What wilt
thou that I should do unto thee ?
—Mark x. 51.

The feeling heart, the melting eye,
The humble mind bestow,
And shine upon me from on high,
To make my graces grow.

There is nothing too hard for Jesus
to do, and he is willing to do any
thing for us which will promote his
glory and our good.

August 3.

BLESSED are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake.—

Matt. v. 10.

Though men despise me, or revile,
I count the trial small;
Whoever frowns, if Jesus smile,
It makes amends for all.

If our lives are holy, and our conversation spiritual, we must expect persecution from the world ; but in this we may rejoice, for it is our glory.

August 4.

WE have not an high priest, who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.—Heb. iv. 15.

The love that brought him from the sky,
For men to suffer, weep, and die,
Prompts him with pitying heart to share
Each secret grief his followers bear.

The sympathy of the Saviour is exquisitely tender ; this should cheer and console us in the darkest day.

■

August 5.

NOW once in the end of the world
hath he appeared to put away sin.
—Heb. ix. 26.

Lamb of God for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded,
Who on him their hopes have built.

Jesus came to expiate our sins, and
he has done so; sin is put away, so
that it shall never condemn us.

August 6.

BECAUSE ye are sons, God hath
sent forth the Spirit of his Son
into your hearts.—Gal. iv. 6.

The spirit of a child, Lord, give,
O may I "Abba Father" say;
Bless'd by thy love, Lord, let me live,
Bless'd by thy love, Lord, let me die.

Adoption makes us sons, regeneration
gives us the nature of children, and
the Holy Spirit working in the heart,
enables us to claim the relationship.

August 7.

I BEHELD, and, lo, in the midst of
the throne stood a Lamb as it had
been slain.—Rev. v. 6.

To him whom men despise and slight,
To him be glory given ;
The crown is his, and his by right,
The highest place in heaven.

Jesus, who was once in the manger,
and on the cross, is now on the throne ;
there he reigns, and receives homage
from all the inhabitants of heaven.

August 8.

HE that overcometh shall inherit all
things ; and I will be his God,
and he shall be my son.—Rev. xxi. 7.

What an heritage were this,
An eternity of bliss !
Heaven below and heaven above,
Oh, the miracle of love !

Our sincerity and courage must be
tried ; but if we fight in the strength
of grace, victory is certain.

August 9.

WE have obtained an inheritance,
being predestinated according to
the purpose of him who worketh all
things after the counsel of his own
will.—Eph. i. 11.

Jesus, your Shepherd, Lord, and Chief,
Shall shelter you from ill;
And not a worm or shaking leaf
Can move but at his will.

God's hand is in every event, and all
things are directed to accomplish his
will, and glorify his name.

August 10.

THIS is the victory that overcometh
the world, even our faith.—1 John
v. 4.

One hope there is that succour brings,
Where thickest darts are hurled;
The humblest faith to Christ that clings,
Shall overcome the world.

This faith is a persuasion of the reality
of heavenly things, and a confident
expectation of enjoying them.

August 11.

THEY that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.—Gal. v. 24.

I'd nail my passions to the cross
Where my Redeemer died;
And all things count but shame and loss,
For Jesus crucified.

If we are the disciples of Jesus, we must consult his will, live in his service, and aim at his glory.

August 12.

I PRAY not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.—John xvii. 15.

As man, he pities my complaint,
His power and truth are all divine;
He will not fall, he cannot faint;
Salvation's sure, and must be mine.

We are kept in the world that we may do good; it is full of evil, therefore we daily need Divine keeping.

August 13.

THE Lord is my shepherd ; I shall
not want.—Ps. xxiii. 1.

Jehovah is my Shepherd's name,
Then what have I, though weak, to fear ?
My sin and folly I proclaim,
If I despond while he is near.

Jesus has undertaken for us, and has
made the most precious promises to
us; it is therefore both our duty and
privilege to confide in him.

August 14.

HIM that cometh unto me I will in
no wise cast out.—John vi. 37.

"In no wise!" mighty word of faith,
What more can sinners need ?
Sinners, believe what Jesus saith,
And with Jehovah plead.

The Saviour never refused a sinner
on his first application, nor a back-
slider on his return, and he assures us
he never will.

August 15.

I AM sought of them that asked not
after me ; I am found of them that
sought me not.—Isa. lxx. 1.

What wakes the first relenting thought ?

What, but the Spirit from above ?

Who e'er sought him till by him sought ?

Or whom doth he not freely love ?

Real religion always begins with God :
there is no feeling, till he quickens ;
no light, till he shines ; no seeking
him, till he seeks us.

August 16.

THY will be done in earth as it is in
heaven.—Matt. vi. 10.

How sweet to be allowed to pray

To God the Holy One !

With filial love and trust to say—

O God, thy will be done.

We can never be happy, but as our
wills are conformed to the will of God ;
resignation should ever characterize
Christians.

August 17.

SHALL we sin, because we are not
under the law, but under grace?
God forbid.—Rom. vi. 15.

Could Jesus suffer for my sin,
And I not dread it worse?
Would God have bruised him, but to win
His creature from its curse?

Privileges aggravate our sins ; sin is
always bad, but never so bad as when
committed against light and love.

August 18.

WITH my soul have I desired thee
in the night ; yea, with my spirit
within me, will I seek thee early.—
Isa. xxvi. 9.

Thou art my only trust,
My portion and my joy ;
No more let vanity and dust
My heart and hopes employ.

They that sincerely desire the Sa-
viour, earnestly seek him, and every
one that seeketh findeth.

August 19.

THOU art my hiding-place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble.—

Ps. xxxii. 7.

Be thou my shield and hiding-place!
That, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
And tell him "Thou hast dy'd."

Jesus will preserve us from all that is really hurtful, and sanctify to us all that is painful; he is our protector.

August 20.

HE that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.—John xv. 5.

Lord, I am nothing in myself alone,
In all my weakness let thy strength be shown,
In all my poverty, thy riches give,
Dead in myself, may I through Jesus live.

Union to Jesus is the source of life,
and fruitfulness; it is only as we cleave to him, that we can glorify him.

August 21.

ALL mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them.

—John xvii. 10.

Dear Lord, if I am one of thine,
From anxious thoughts I would be free,
To trust, and love, and praise is mine,
The care of all belongs to thee.

The Father gave us his Son ; the Son loves and values us beyond description; and it is ours to glorify him by our devotedness, activity, and gratitude.

August 22.

BECAUSE thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.—Ps. lxxiii. 7.

My God, I would rejoice in thee,
Thy promises, thy love, thy power,
Thy past deliverances shall be
My comfort for each future hour.

Past mercies encourage us to expect present favours, and future supplies.
Our God is never weary of giving.

August 23.

O ISRAEL! return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.—Hosea xiv. 1.

Wherefore should I longer wander,
Let me to my God return;
On his judgments mutely ponder,
And their sacred lessons learn.

By sin we wander from God, by faith,
prayer, and penitence, we return to
him; let us believe, pray, and mourn
over our sins this morning.

August 24.

O ISRAEL! thou shalt not be forgotten of me.—Isa. xlv. 21.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe and must succeed,
For whom the Lord vouchsafes to plead.

The Lord's people are always in his
thoughts, and under his eye; let it
cheer and comfort me to-day to re-
member, God thinketh upon me.

August 25.

CAST down, but not destroyed.—2
Cor. iv. 9.

Though sore beset with guilt and fear
I cannot, dare not quite despair ;
If I must perish, would the Lord
Have taught my heart to love his word ?

We deserve destruction for sin, but
are preserved from it by grace ; cast
down we may be, for we are sinners :
destroyed we shall not be, for we are
believers.

August 26.

FEAR ye not, therefore, ye are of
more value than many sparrows.
—Matt. x. 31.

If he worms and sparrows feed,
Clothe the grass in rich array,
Can he see a child in need,
And turn his eye away ?

God's care is extended to the whole
of his creatures, but his care of his
people is special and peculiar

August 27.

HE hath made him to be sin for us,
who knew no sin, that we might
be made the righteousness of God in
him.—2 Cor. v. 21.

What wondrous love! what mysteries
In this appointment shine!
My breaches of the law are his,
And his obedience mine.

Jesus, as our substitute, has made a
full atonement for our sin, and the
righteousness he wrought out is im-
puted to us, it is placed to our account.

August 28.

LET him that thinketh he standeth,
take heed lest he fall.—1 Cor. x. 12.

Though much exalted in the Lord,
My strength is not my own;
Then let me tremble at his word,
And none shall cast me down.

Filial fear is our great preservative
in all times of temptation; we shall
not fall into that which we fear.

August 29.

HAPPY is that people whose God
is the Lord.—Ps. cxliv. 15.

When I can say, "My God is mine,"
When I can feel thy glories shine,
I tread the world beneath my feet,
And all that earth calls good or great.

To have Jehovah for our God is to be
truly blessed ; for he will hear our
prayers, redress our grievances, and
supply our wants.

August 30.

BECAUSE thou hast kept the word
of my patience, I also will keep
thee from the hour of temptation.—
Rev. iii. 10.

Jesus, in sore temptation's hour,
May I not trust thy grace and power ?
Surely I *would* thy word embrace,
And hang on thy sufficient grace.

Every professor must be tried, but
if Jesus keep us, we shall overcome.

August 31.

GOD is not a man that he should lie, neither the son of man, that he should repent : hath he said, and shall he not do it ? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good ?—Num. xxiii. 19.

Yea, since God himself has said it,
On the promise I rely,
His good word demands my credit,
What can unbelief reply ?
He is *strong*, and can fulfil,
He is *truth*, and therefore *will*.

The promises of God are the offspring of his love, the proofs of his grace, and the pledges of his mercy : they are changeless, as his nature ; certain, as his existence ; and immutable, as his throne.

September 1.

I HAD fainted, unless I had believed
to see the goodness of the Lord in
the land of the living.—Ps. xxvii. 13.

In many a dark and cheerless day,
Afflicted by thy sovereign rod,
My soul had fainted by the way,
But for her confidence in God.

Faith in the promise is a preservative
for overwhelming fears, and gloomy
despair; never let us give up our de-
pendence on the faithful word.

September 2.

HE shall deliver thee in six troubles;
yea, in seven there shall no evil
touch thee.—Job v. 19.

To Jesus then your trouble bring,
Nor murmur at your lot;
While you are poor, and he is King,
You shall not be forgot.

Every trouble is preceded by a "need
be," and shall be succeeded by a de-
liverance; therefore trust.

September 3.

FOLLOW peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.—Heb. xii. 14.

Had I a throne above the rest,
Where angels and archangels dwell;
One sin unslain within my breast,
Would make that heaven as dark as hell.

There is no real happiness without holiness on earth, nor can there be in heaven ; we need a change of nature, rather than change of place.

September 4.

THE comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.—2 Cor. i. 4.

Be mine the comforts that reclaim
The soul from Satan's power ;
That make me blush for what I am,
And hate my sin the more.

Spiritual comforts come directly from God, and they always lead us to God, and make us like God.

September 5.

YE were sometimes darkness, but
now are ye light in the Lord :
walk as children of light.—Eph. v. 8.

To walk as children of the day ;
To mark the precepts' holy light :
To wage the warfare, watch and pray,
Show who are pleasing in his sight.

We are delivered from the power of
darkness to walk in the light of truth ;
let us walk carefully and prayerfully.

September 6.

BRETHREN, ye have been called
unto liberty ; only use not liberty
for an occasion to the flesh.—Gal. v. 13.

The liberty our hearts imp-ore,
Is not to live in sin ;
But still to wait at Wisdom's door,
Till mercy calls us in.

We are called to enjoy freedom from
guilt and slavish fear, in order that
we may serve God in righteousness
and true holiness.

September 7.

IN the day when I cried thou heard-
est me, and strengthenedst me with
strength in my soul.—Ps. cxxxviii. 3.

Man's wisdom is to seek,
His strength in God alone ;
And ev'n an angel would be weak,
Who trusted in his own.

There is sometimes more mercy in
giving us strength to bear a trial,
than in delivering us from it.

September 8.

YE are dead, and your life is hid
with Christ in God.—Col. iii. 3.

Though many foes beset your road,
And feeble is your arm ;
Your life is hid with Christ in God,
Beyond the reach of harm.

If dead to the law, and united to Jesus
—if dead to the world, and alive unto
God, our safety is perfect, and heaven
is sure : holiness is the earnest of
heaven.

September 9.

THE meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.—Isa. xxix. 19.

'Tis joy enough, my all in all,
At thy dear feet to lie ;
Thou wilt not let me lower fall,
And none can higher fly.

The more humble we are, the happier we shall be ; for joy is the offspring of humility.

September 10.

FOR we are members of his body,
of his flesh, and of his bones.—
Eph. v. 30.

This sacred tie forbids their fears,
For all he is, or has, is theirs ;
With him, their Head, they stand or fall,
Their life, their surety, and their all.

The union between Jesus and his people is most close, tender, and profitable ; and it is for ever.

September 11.

THIS is life eternal, that they might
know thee the only true God, and
Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.—
John xvii. 3.

Jesus, thy Godhead, blood, and name,
O! 'tis eternal life to know;
Here let my soul her hold maintain,
When pressed by conscience, wrath, or law.
God has revealed himself in Jesus;
and he that knows not the Son, cannot
know the Father.

September 12.

BY the grace of God I am what I
am.—1 Cor. xv. 10.

'Twas grace that called our souls at first,
By grace thus far we're come;
And grace will help us through the worst,
And lead us safely home.

Grace originates, carries on, and
completes, our salvation; it claims,
deserves, and should have, all the
glory. By grace we are saved.

September 13.

LET patience have her perfect work,
that ye may be perfect and entire,
wanting nothing.—James i. 4.

Hold patience and faith, till Jesus shall rise,
And bid thee possess thy seat in the skies ;
The king in his beauty thine eyes shall survey,
And walk with the Lamb in the regions of day.

Faith and patience always go together
—faith in the promise will enable us
patiently to suffer God's will.

September 14.

THEN said Martha unto Jesus,
Lord, if thou hadst been here, my
brother had not died.—John xi. 21.

He loves to come when others flee,
Or, coming, cannot aid ;
To save in faith's extremity,
When hope's last glimmerings fade.

We often think, if God were with us,
and for us, such trials would not be-
fall us ; but he sends the trials in or-
der to display his kindness and care.

September 15.

HOW excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.—Pa. xxxvi. 7.

Retreat beneath his wings,
And in his grace confide,
This more exalts the King of kings,
Than all your works beside.

The perfections of God are to his people what the wings of the parent bird are to her young, at once their protection and their comfort.

September 16.

HE doeth according to his will.—
Dan. iv. 35.

In heaven, and earth, and air, and seas,
He executes his firm decrees ;
And by his saints it stands confest,
That what he does is ever best.

The will of God is the highest rule of rectitude, therefore our daily prayer should be, "Thy will be done."

September 17.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul, and
forget not all his benefits.—Ps.
ciii. 2.

Forgive the song that falls so low,
Beneath the gratitude I owe !
It means thy praise, however poor,
An angel's song can do no more.

Whatever the Lord does for us, how-
ever painful, is a benefit, and there-
fore calls for praise and thanksgiving.

September 18.

GOD forbid that I should glory, save
in the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ.—Gal. vi. 14.

Inscribed upon the cross we see,
In shining letters, "God is Love,"
He bears our sins upon the tree,
And brings us mercy from above.

The ground of our hope, and the ob-
ject of our boast is the cross ; on this
we rest for acceptance, and in this
we rejoice and glory.

September 19.

YEA, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.—Phil. iii. 8.

O what a friend is Christ to me!
No mortal tongue can tell;
He died, he rose, he set me free,
From justice, wrath, and hell.

To know Christ is one of the greatest attainments here below, and is to be prized above everything beside.

September 20.

THE Lord shall guide thee continually, and shall satisfy thy soul in drought.—Isa. lviii. 11.

The Lord Jehovah is my guide,
He doth, and will for me provide;
And in the mount it shall be seen,
How kind and generous he hath been.

When accepted of God in Jesus, we walk in accordance with his word, he will guide and satisfy our souls.

September 21.

THY name is as ointment poured
forth.—Song i. 3.

Thy name shall prove our joy and boast,
Our rock of hope and bulwark strong ;
Our anchor when the ship is toss'd,
Thy children's everlasting song.

The name of Jesus is unspeakably
sweet and precious to the spiritual
mind ; the more spiritual we are the
more precious Jesus is.

September 22.

I AM the living bread which came
down from heaven : if any man eat
of this bread, he shall live for ever.
—John vi. 51.

This precious food my heart revives,
What strength, what nourishment it gives !
O let me evermore be fed
With this divine, celestial bread.

If we can live without Christ, we are
dead in our sins ; but if he is our daily
food, we are undoubtedly born of God.

September 23.

STRENGTHEN ye the weak hands,
and confirm the feeble knees.—Isa.

xxxv. 3.

Weak as you are, you shall not faint,
Or, fainting, shall not die,
Jesus, the strength of every saint,
Will aid you from on high.

The weak are the especial objects of
the Saviour's care, he is their strength,
and will perfect his strength in their
weakness.

September 24.

CHRIST is the head of the church,
and he is the Saviour of the body.

—Eph. v. 23.

Since Christ and we are one,
Why should we doubt or fear?
As he in heaven has fix'd his throne,
He'll fix his members there.

Christ and his people are one : he is
the head, they are the body ; he is
the foundation, they are the building.

September 25.

REJOICE in the Lord alway : and
again I say, Rejoice.—Phil. iv. 4.

Rejoice, believer, in the Lord,
Who makes your cause his own,
The hope that's built upon his word,
Can ne'er be overthrown.

A happy Christian is an ornament to
his profession, but a gloomy professor
dishonours it ; let us aim to be happy
in God under all circumstances.

September 26.

IT is good for me that I have been
afflicted ; that I might learn thy
statutes.—Ps. cxix. 71.

Afflictions make us love the word,
Stir up our hearts to prayer ;
And many a precious proof afford,
Of our Redeemer's care.

Every child of God is sent to the
school of affliction, here the most va-
luable lessons are taught, and so
taught that they cannot be forgotten.

September 27.

THAT ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.—

Heb. vi. 12.

Destroy my sloth, new vigour give,
My faith and patience, Lord, revive;
With holy fervour make me run,
To win the prize, and wear the crown.

Sloth dishonours God, and injures us;
let us therefore copy the lively, devoted, zealous servants of God.

September 28.

I WILL put my fear in their hearts,
that they shall not depart from me.

—Jer. xxxii. 40.

The fear of the Lord forbids us to yield,
It sharpens our sword, and strengthens our shield,

Then cry we to heaven with one loud accord,
That to us be given the fear of the Lord.

In the new covenant God not only promises us blessings, but engages that we shall not finally forfeit them.

September 29.

YE are not your own, for ye are
bought with a price : therefore
glorify God.—1 Cor. vi. 19, 20.

Lord, we are thine, bought with the price
Of thy most precious blood ;
By thee our souls have been set free,
By thee we joy in God.

If the blood of Jesus purchased us,
the Spirit of Jesus will claim us, and
the word of Jesus must rule us.

September 30.

SHEW me a token for good ; that
they which hate me may see it and
be ashamed.—Ps. lxxxvi. 17.

O that my Saviour would impart
Some token of his love,
To comfort my desponding heart,
And make it mount above.

A ray of light from God's countenance,
and the interpositions of Divine pro-
vidence are tokens for good which
we may earnestly seek and expect.

October 1.

THE Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake.—1 Sam. xii. 22.

Though sometimes unperceived by sense,
Faith sees him always near ;
A Guide, a Glory, a Defence,
Then what have you to fear ?

The grace that made us Christians,
will keep us so ; the Lord will not
abandon us for his name's sake.

October 2.

EXCEPT ye eat the flesh of the
Son of man, and drink his blood,
ye have no life in you.—John vi. 53.

Increase our faith, and hope, and love,
Lord, give us all that's good ;
We would thy full salvation prove,
And eat thy flesh and blood.

What food is to the body, that Christ
is to the true believer's soul, and the
body could as well live without food,
as the soul without Christ.

October 3.

HELP me, O Lord my God : O save
me according to thy mercy.—Ps.
cix. 26.

Help me to trust thy gracious word,
Help me to watch and pray ;
And give me patiently to bear
The trials of the way.

A sense of weakness is a preservative
from danger, for this preserves from
self-dependence, and urges us to cry
to the strong for strength.

October 4.

IF I do that I would not, it is no
more I that do it, but sin that
dwelleth in me.—Rom. vii. 20.

Lord, free me from this deadly foe,
Which keeps my faith and hope so low ;
I long to dwell in heaven my home,
Where not one sinful thought can come.

The Christian's heart is turned against
sin, he hates it, and longs to be free
from it ; but it still dwells in him.

October 5.

THE iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none.—Jer.

l. 20.

Their sins more numerous than the stars,
In Jesus' blood are drowned ;
And Zion's God in love declares
" Their sins shall not be found."

So completely does God blot out our sins when we believe in Jesus, that we stand before him as though we had never sinned ; completely justified.

October 6.

LET him trust in the Lord, and stay upon his God.—Isa. l. 10.

When we in darkness walk,
Nor feel the heavenly flame ;
This is the time to trust in God,
And rest upon his name.

Darkness sometimes envelopes the child of light, this distresses him, but it ought not to disturb his confidence, for God is his Father still.

October 7

THY shoes shall be iron and brass ;
and as thy days, so shall thy
strength be.—Deut. xxxiii. 25.

Let not thy heart despond and say,
"How shall I stand the trying day?"
He has engaged by firm decree,
That as thy days thy strength shall be.

The day and the strength are always
connected ; not strength before the
day, but *in* the day, and *as* the day.

October 8.

WHO maketh thee to differ from an-
other, and what hast thou that
thou didst not receive ?—1 Cor. iv. 7.
What was there in you that could merit esteem,
Or give the Creator delight ?

'Twas *even so, Father*, you ever must sing,
Because it seemed good in thy sight.

If we differ in a spiritual sense from
those around us, grace alone made
the difference, and if grace made us
to differ, we ought to be humble.

October 9.

MY meditation of him shall be sweet:
I will be glad in the Lord.—Ps.
civ. 34.

'Tis sweet to meditate on him,
Who saved my soul from death;
His grace and love shall be my theme,
While he allows me breath.

If we meditate on Jesus we shall love
him ; and the more we love him, the
more we shall meditate upon him.

October 10.

O THAT I were as in months past,
as in the days when God preserved
me.—Job xxix. 2.

O that my soul as heretofore,
Could with delight and love explore
Those sacred sweets in Jesus' name,
That once my raptured soul o'ercame.

If we would be as we were once, we
must retrace our steps, and return to
the Lord afresh, exercising faith in
his word, and hope in his mercy.

October 11.

CAST me not away from thy presence ; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.—Ps. li. 11.

When pride and self begin to swell,
The Comforter departs ;
The high and lofty One will dwell
In humble broken hearts.

We are not more indebted to the work of Christ for our justification, than we are to the work of the Holy Spirit for our sanctification.

October 12.

HE was strong in faith, giving glory to God.—Rom. iv. 20.

O could I, with a steady faith,
Believe what God my Father saith,
Then should I glorify him more,
And his unbounded grace adore.

Nothing can be more plain than God's promises, or more simple than faith ; and yet it requires the power of the Holy Ghost to make us believe them.

October 13.

HE shall feed his flock like a shepherd.—Isa. xl. 11.

Dear Jesus, be thou my Shepherd and Guide,
No want shall I know, since thou dost provide,
When danger attends me, to thee I would fly,
The arm that defends me, my needs shall supply.

Jesus has a shepherd's eye and a shepherd's heart, he watches over, and is intensely interested in, his flock.

October 14.

COME unto me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matt. xi. 28.

On Jesus cast your weighty cares,
And lean upon his breast;
His love shall silence all your fears,
For he will give you rest.

The words of Jesus are always the same, "Come unto me;" his promise ever stands good, "I will give you rest;" approach and prove.

October 15.

SURELY he hath borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows.—Isa. liii. 4.

Our woes the prince of life has borne,
He felt the scourge and cruel thorn ;
The sorrows of his bleeding heart
Pardon and life to us impart.

Jesus was punished in our stead, he
expiated our sins by his sufferings and
death, what we deserved he endured.

October 16.

FOR so is the will of God, that with
well-doing ye may put to silence
the ignorance of foolish men.—1 Pet.
ii. 15.

Let prudence, tenderness, and love,
Through all my actions shine ;
Then shall my conversation prove
My faith and hope divine.

Sinners are to be silenced by our
deeds, rather than by our words; they
may refuse to hear us speak, but they
cannot help seeing us walk.

October 17.

HELP us, O God of our salvation ;
for the glory of thy name.—Ps.
lxxix. 9.

Help us to see thy gracious care,
In each divine supply ;
That we may love the helping hand,
That brings salvation nigh.

The God that saves us from our sins,
will help us out of our troubles ; he
can glorify his name by so doing.

October 18.

THERE is therefore now no con-
demnation to them which are in
Christ Jesus.—Rom. viii. 1.

Ye tempted and tried, to Jesus draw nigh,
He suffer'd and died, your wants to supply ;
Trust him for salvation, you need not to grieve,
There's no condemnation to them that be-
lieve.

The blood of Jesus blots out every
charge ; and the righteousness of
Jesus justifies from all things.

October 19.

THE Lord is thy keeper ; the Lord
is thy shade upon thy right hand.

—Ps. cxxi. 6.

Preserve me from the snares of sin,
Through my remaining days ;
And in me let each virtue shine,
To my Redeemer's praise.

We need an omniscient eye, and an
almighty arm, to keep us safe ; and
both are constantly engaged for us.

October 20.

ALL we like sheep have gone astray ;
we have turned every one to his
own way ; and the Lord hath laid on
him the iniquity of us all.—Isa. liii. 6.

Like sheep we have strayed in folly and sin,
But Jesus is made a surety divine ;
He for our offences did fully atone,
That he might advance us to sit on his throne.

We wandered, and our Shepherd bore
the blame ; he died for us, and we
live for ever.

October 21.

MY presence shall go with thee, and
I will give thee rest.—Exod. xxiii.

14.

Cheerful I'll walk the desert through,
If with thy presence bless'd;
Nor fear what earth or hell can do,
For thou wilt give me rest.

Our God has engaged to go with us
every step of our journey, and to in-
troduce us to eternal rest at the end
of it.

October 22.

PREPARE to meet thy God, O Is-
rael.—Amos iv. 12.

O God, my soul for death prepare,
To me that wisdom give,
To spend each day as though it were
The last I have to live.

Union to Jesus, and an interest in
his work, gives us an actual readiness
to meet our God, but only the Holy
Spirit can keep us habitually ready.

October 23.

GOD, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you.—Eph. iv. 32.

Jesus his life a ransom gave,
He freely died our souls to save;
And hence the God of love forgives
The vilest sinner who believes.

Jesus procured our pardon by his sacrifice, and our heavenly Father bestows it upon us in his name, and for his sake ; we have a full pardon on the ground of an infinite atonement.

October 24.

HAVING loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.—John xiii. 1.

When troubles attend, or danger or strife,
His love will defend and guard us thro' life;
And when we are fainting, and ready to die,
Whatever is wanting his hand will supply.

As Jesus is always the same, his love can never vary ; having once loved his people, he loves them to the end.

October 25.

BE diligent, that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless.—2 Pet. iii. 14.

I would be active in the path
Of duty here below ;
While steadfast hope and lively faith
Support and bear me through.

We should ever keep the coming of Jesus in view, and so act as neither to be afraid or ashamed to meet him at any moment.

October 26.

TAKE heed, and beware of covetousness.—Luke xii. 15.

Lord, save me from an earthly mind,
My noble powers were not designed
To rest in aught the world can give;
O let me in thy fulness live.

Covetousness grows upon us insensibly, and injures us as it grows ; it assumes the place of God, and makes us idolaters : **"TAKE HEED."**

October 27.

SAY unto my soul, I am thy salvation.—Ps. xxxv. 3.

I could the joys of life resign,
And wait to see my end;
Might I but know that thou art mine,
My Saviour and my Friend.

Assurance is a blessing we cannot too highly value or too earnestly seek : it is the flower of faith, and a source of sweetest joy.

October 28.

WHETHER we live, we live unto the Lord ; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord.—Rom. xiv. 8.

May my constant study be,
While I live to live to thee ;
Let it be my steady aim,
Still to glorify thy name.

Jesus and his glory should be our great end in life and in death ; that it might be so he gave himself for us, and gives his Holy Spirit to us.

October 29.

THANKS be unto God for his unspeakable gift.—2 Cor. ix. 15.

Praise his name who died to save us,
'Tis by him his people live;
And in him the Father gave us
All that boundless love could give.

God can give us nothing greater than his Son, and can we think that he will withhold anything less? having given Jesus he will give all that is good.

October 30.

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.—1 Cor. xv. 20.

Then doubt no more, ye saints, nor grieve,
The Lord is risen, is risen indeed;
Because he lives, his saints shall live,
Shall live with him, their glorious head.

The resurrection of Jesus proves that his work is accepted, and lays a firm foundation for our faith and hope.

October 31.

I OVERCAME, and am set down
with my Father on his throne.—
Rev. iii. 21.

To him whom men despise and slight
To him be glory given ;
The crown is his, and his by right,
The highest place in heaven.

Jesus once conquered for us, and he
will certainly conquer in us, and then
he will glorify us with himself.

November 1.

WHITHER the forerunner is for
us entered, even Jesus.—Heb.
vi. 20.

Raise, raise, my soul, thy raptured sight,
With sacred wonder and delight ;
Jesus, thy own forerunner see,
Enter'd beyond the veil for thee.

Jesus has entered the holiest for us ;
we now follow in his footsteps, and
shall soon sit down on his throne ;
until then, let us copy his example.

November 2.

HE knoweth our frame, he remem-
bereth that we are dust.—Ps.
ciii. 14.

Jehovah knows how weak we are,
And makes our feeble life his care,
Strength he proportions to the day,
Rememb'ring that we are but clay.

Our God knows us perfectly, and
never loses sight of our frailty and in-
firmities ; no father ever pitied his
child as God pities us.

November 3.

YE believe in God, believe also in
me.—John xiv. 1.

His word demands my steady faith,
His promises are firm and true ;
I would rely on what he saith,
And yield to him obedience due.

Jesus is the immediate object of our
faith ; our confidence in him cannot
be too strong ; he suffered for us ; he
will bless us.

November 4.

HE that hath the Son hath life, and
he that hath not the Son of God
hath not life.—1 John v. 12.

Endless life in him possessing,
Let us praise his precious name,
Glory, honour, power, and blessing,
Be for ever to the Lamb.

If we have received Christ as God's
free gift, eternal life is ours ; if we
have not received him, he is still pro-
sented to us.

November 5.

THE love of Christ, which passeth
knowledge.—Eph. iii. 19.

When we think of love like this,
Joy and shame our hearts possess,
Joy—that thou couldst pity thus,
Shame—for such returns from us.

The love of Jesus is infinite as his na-
ture, and eternal as his existence :
therefore beyond our knowledge. O
to enjoy it more.

November 6.

AFTER he had patiently endured,
he obtained the promise.—Heb.
vi. 15.

And with humble patience still,
I would wait my Father's will ;
In the path of duty run,
Till the task of life is done.

Faith believes the promise, hope expects it, and patience quietly waits for it. Believing, hoping, and quiet waiting, make a Christian happy.

November 7.

THOU art my hiding-place and my
shield : I hope in thy word.—Ps.
cxix. 114.

Be thou my all-sufficient Friend,
Till all my toils shall cease ;
Guide me through life, and let my end
Be everlasting peace.

Our safety is in our God ; let us therefore cleave to him, walk with him, and expect deliverance from him.

November 8.

THEY gave their own selves to the
Lord.—2 Cor. viii. 5.

Lord, I am thine by various ties,
And thine would ever be ;
My heart, my hands, my tongue, my eyes,
I give them all to thee.

Nothing is more likely to promote our
holiness than to live under the im-
pression "*I am the Lord's.*"

November 9.

BRING forth therefore fruits worthy
of repentance.—Luke iii. 8.

Let my repentance be sincere,
Let faith in all its fruits appear ;
Inflame my heart with holy love,
And fix my hope on things above.

If our repentance is genuine, refor-
mation of life is sure ; faith produces
penitence, and penitence is proved by
holiness. Repentance should be daily
until reformation is complete.

November 10.

THOUGH our outward man perish,
yet the inward man is renewed
day by day.—2 Cor. iv. 16.

Corruptions work and war within,
And fill me with dismay ;
Lord, let thy power and grace divine,
Renew me day by day.

The body must decay, the tabernacle
must be taken down ; but the soul
may be more and more conformed to
Jesus.

November 11.

HE shall call upon me, and I will
answer him ; I will be with him
in trouble.—Ps. xci. 15.

His ear regards our mournful cry.
His gracious aid is ever nigh ;
Then let us to his throne repair,
And seek his help by ardent prayer.

Prayer, if it be fervent and believing
prayer, is sure to obtain for us the
blessing we need.

November 12.

BEHOLD, he cometh with clouds ;
and every eye shall see him.—

Rev. i. 7.

Saviour ! in that awful day,
Keep our hearts from sinking,
For ev'n now we feel dismay,
Of the season thinking.

Let us keep the coming of Jesus constantly in view, and live in daily expectation of his appearing.

November 13.

THE portion of Jacob is not like
them : the Lord of hosts is his
name.—Jer. x. 16.

Jacob need not look to earth,
Since his portion is THE LORD,
Worldly cares and worldly mirth,
With his choice would ill accord.

Every believer has God for his portion, and upon God as his portion should he live, and of God as his portion should he boast.

November 14.

IN the morning will I direct my
prayer unto thee, and will look up.

—Ps. v. 3.

In all the duties of the day
Support me by thy power;
Direct me in thy holy way,
And keep me every hour.

If the mind is spiritual, it will naturally lift up the eye to God, and, in answer to prayer, God will graciously look down upon us.

November 15.

THE soul of the people was much
discouraged because of the way.

—Num. xxi. 4.

Your way is rough, your foes are strong,
But God will be your guard;
The conflict here will not be long,
And great is your reward.

The road to heaven is rough and
rugged, it tries every principle; but
the rough road is the only road.

November 16.

O LORD, I will praise thee.—Isa.
xii. 1.

Let sinners saved give thanks and sing,
Of mercies past and joys to come ;
The Lord their Saviour is, and King,
The cross their hope and heaven their home.

Praise should ascend to God daily,
yea hourly ; and yet there is no duty
to which we are more backward—this
proves our ingratitude.

November 17.

GREAT is our Lord, and of great
power ; his understanding is infinite.—Ps. cxlvii. 5.

Great as he is, his people dare
Approach him, and present their prayer ;
He hears his people's cry, and grants
A full supply for all their wants.

The Lord's goodness and greatness are
equal ; we may therefore expect much
from him, while we bow in deepest
reverence before him.

November 18.

CHRISt was once offered to bear
the sins of many.—Heb. ix. 28.

My everlasting hope relies,
On his atoning sacrifice ;
Thro' him my peace is made in heav'n,
My guilt removed, my sin forgiven.

The one offering of Jesus made a full
and everlasting atonement for all our
sins ; he is our peace : believing this
we shall be peaceful.

November 19.

BY grace are ye saved through faith,
and that not of yourselves ; it is
the gift of God.—Eph. ii. 8.

*Tis grace, and grace alone,
Has saved, and yet will save,
*Tis grace will raise us to a throne,
Will raise us from the grave.

Salvation is a favour conferred on
the unworthy, an expression of the
kindness and love of God ; if saved
at all, it must be as a favour.

November 20.

BELOVED, now are we the sons of
God.—1 John iii. 2.

Sweet truth! it yields unceasing cause
Of wonder and of praise above;
That man, who late accursed was,
Should be the object of such love.

Now, though poor and needy ; now,
though tried and tempted ; now,
though persecuted and hated ; now
are we the sons of God.

November 21.

PRAYING always with all prayer
and supplication in the Spirit.—
Eph. vi. 18.

Lord, let my prayer like incense rise
Before thy throne above the skies ;
And my requests accepted be,
Through Jesus pleading there for me.

Prayer is always seasonable, always
necessary, and always profitable ;
therefore prayer both publicly and
privately should be offered.

November 22.

In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.—

Isa. xlv. 25.

O may my soul for ever praise,
His free, his justifying grace ;
And by a holy conduct prove
My interest in his saving love.

Union to Jesus gives an interest in all
that he has ; therefore all who are
united to him are justified by his obedience
unto death.

November 23.

In all these things we are more than
conquerors through him that loved
us.—Rom. viii. 37.

Our foes are strong, and many too,
Yet why these doubts and fears ?
For while we keep our Lord in view,
Our strength is more than theirs.

The strength of Jesus is glorified in
our weakness, and our conquests are
to the honour of his name.

November 24.

CHRISt hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.—Gal. iii. 13.

Jesus has borne the curse for me,
From every charge to set me free,
Why should I yield to slavish fear?
If God himself pronounce me clear.

What a mystery is this! the Blessed
One made a curse, that we accursed
ones might inherit a blessing.

November 25.

HERE have we no continuing city,
but we seek one to come.—Heb.
xiii. 14.

We've no abiding city here,
Then let us live as pilgrims do;
Let not the world our rest appear,
But let us haste from all below.

This is an enemy's land, we are only
passing through it: heaven is our
home, no wonder then that we meet
toils, trials, and troubles.

November 26.

MY brethren, count it all joy when
ye fall into divers temptations.

—James i. 2.

Trials prove and strengthen patience ;

Trials purge the dross away ;

Trials sweeten expectations

Of a bright and glorious day.

Temptations in this place are not solicitations to evil, but afflictions, persecutions, and crosses.

November 27.

I HAVE learned in whatsoever state
I am therewith to be content.—

Phil. iv. 1

O teach thy worm, whate'er his state,

Therewith to be content ;

Thine hand to bless, thy time to wait,

And leave to thee th' event.

No one but the Lord can teach us this lesson, few learn it, and no wonder ; for but few pray and strive to learn it ; carnal nature cannot love it.

November 28.

THE meek will be guide in judgment ; and the meek will he teach his way.—Ps. xxv. 9.

With Jesus for our guide,
The path is safe though rough ;
The promise says " I will provide,"
And faith replies " Enough."

The meek bow to God's sovereignty,
yield to his will, consult his word, and
aim at his glory : and such he favours.

November 29.

FATHER, I will that they also
whom thou hast given me be with
me where I am.—John xvii. 24.

Then, Lord, remove whate'er divides
Our lingering souls from thee ;
'Tis fit that where the Head resides,
The members too should be.

The presence of Christ is the joy of
his people, and their presence with
him is the reward of his work ; as his
reward is sure, our glory is certain.

November 30.

IF thou faint in the day of adversity,
thy strength is small.—Prov.
xxiv. 10.

Faint not Christian! though the world
Has its hostile flag unfurled;
Hold the cross of Jesus fast,
Thou shalt overcome at last.

The heavier our trials press, the more
firmly we should grasp the promise;
this will preserve from fainting, this
will bring relief.

December 1.

DOUBTLESS thou art our Father.
—Isa. lxiii. 16.

I have called thee Abba, Father,
I have set my heart on thee,
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

However dark the day, however try-
ing the path, however severe the dis-
cipline, it is for faith still to claim God
as a Father, and say "*All is well.*"

December 2.

AND exhorted them all, that **with**
purpose of heart they would cleave
unto the Lord.—Acts xi. 23.

O holy Saviour! friend unseen!
Since on thine arm thou bidst us lean,
Help us, throughout life's changing scene,
By faith to cling to thee.

If Satan can get us to take our eye
off Jesus, or withdraw our confidence
from him, he can conquer us with ease.

December 3.

TAKE my yoke upon you, and learn
of me; for I am meek and lowly
of heart.—Matt. xi. 29.

Give me the meek, the lowly mind,
I would obedient be;
And all my rest and pleasure find
In learning, Lord, of thee.

Never was there such a teacher as
Jesus, nor are any lessons like his;
let us take our place at his feet, and
learn of him to-day.

December 4.

BUT the day of the Lord will come
as a thief in the night.—2 Pet.
iii. 10.

Oh happy day ! when we shall see
And cast our longing eyes on thee ;
On thee, our light, our life, our love,
Our ALL below, our heaven above.

As the day of the Lord will come suddenly, and unexpectedly, we ought to be always ready for it.

December 5.

GOD shall wipe away all tears from
their eyes.—Rev. vii. 17.

'Tis thus the Lord has fix'd a day,
To wipe his people's tears away ;
Their toils, and griefs, and conflicts past,
He'll bring them to himself at last.

All our sorrows are bounded by time,
we may weep on earth, but not in
heaven ; Jesus wept once, but he is
full of joy now, and so shall all his
people be soon.

December 6.

THE Father of lights, with whom
is no variableness, neither shadow
of turning.—James i. 17.

Oh let me then at length be taught
What I am still so slow to learn,
That God is love, and changes not,
Nor knows the shadow of a turn.

It is one thing to admit that God is
unchangeable, and another to realize
the fact under all our changes.

December 7.

HE that spared not his own Son, but
delivered him up for us all, how
shall he not with him also freely give
us all things!—Rom. viii. 32.

We know that he who gave the best,
Will give us all beside;
Assured each seeming good we ask,
Is evil if denied.

All good things come to us with Christ
and through Christ ; having Christ,
all we want is secured.

December 8.

ALL that will live godly in Christ
Jesus shall suffer persecution.—
2 Tim. iii. 12.

In midst of dangers, fears, and death,
Thy goodness I'll adore ;
And praise thee for thy mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.

Some persecute with the temper, some
with the tongue, some with the sword:
more or less, all the godly suffer from
it.

December 9.

BLESSED be the Lord, who daily
loadeth us with benefits, even the
God of our salvation.—Ps. lxxviii. 19.

The debt of love to Jesus dne,
I own, but I can ne'er repay ;
And while its vast amount I view,
Augment it still from day to day.

The God that saves us supplies us, and
if his mercies were not so constant,
they would daily fill us with wonder.

December 10.

BE ye not stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the Lord.—2 Chron. xxx. 8.

Lord, for ever at thy side,
May my place, my portion be;
Strip me of the robe of pride,
Clothe me with humility.

Rebellion will bring rebukes ; but
yielding will ensure a blessing ; only
the humble are really happy.

December 11.

LET your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt.—Col. iv. 6.

Time is precious, we'll improve it,
Worldlings talk of worldly things;
Leave the world to those who love it,
'Tis not thence our comfort springs.

In few things do we fail so much or
so frequently, as in introducing and
maintaining profitable conversation.
Watch ! pray ! attempt it often.

December 12.

WE know that all things work together for good to them that love God.—Rom. viii. 28.

The Christian would not have his lot
Be other than it is ;
For while his Father rules the world,
He knows that world is his

In everything the Lord does or permits, he aims at our good ; and we may be quite sure that he never misses his mark.

December 13.

I PRESS toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—Phil. iii. 14.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Arm'd by faith and wing'd by prayer,
Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there.

Life is a race; perfection is our mark,
holiness our course, and glory our incorruptible crown.

December 18.

HE which hath begun a good work
in you will perform it until the
day of Jesus Christ.—Phil. i. 6.

The work which his goodness began,
The arm of his strength will complete ;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.

The Lord knew us perfectly before he
began his good work in us, nothing
can arise now to change his mind.

December 19.

IF the Son therefore shall make you
free, ye shall be free indeed.—John
viii. 36.

Oh from this world's vile slavery,
Almighty Saviour, set me free ;
And, as my treasure is above,
Be there my thoughts, be there my love.

If Jesus is our deliverer, he will set
us free from the bondage of sin, the
slavery of Satan, and the tyranny of
the present evil world.

December 20.

GIVE me understanding, and I shall
keep thy law.—Ps. cxix. 34.

Oh may thy word my thoughts engage
In each perplexing case!
Help me to feed on every page,
And grow in every grace.

We do not really understand God's
word, if we do not obey it : if we
know it we shall be sanctified by it.

December 21.

WE have such an high priest, who
is set on the right hand of the
throne of the Majesty in the heavens.
—Heb. viii. 1

Touch'd with a feeling of our woes,
Jesus, our High Priest, stands ;
All our infirmities he knows,
Our souls are in his hands.

Our High Priest is officiating for us
at this moment, in the holiest of all ;
let us therefore draw nigh to God
with boldness.

December 26.

WHO shall separate us from the
love of Christ.—Rom. viii. 35.

We clasp our hands, exulting
In thine almighty favour,
The love divine that made us thine
Shall keep us thine for ever.

The union between Jesus and his people can never be dissolved ; his love which formed it is changeless and eternal.

December 27.

CHRISt being raised from the dead
dieth no more ; death hath no more
dominion over him.—Rom. vi. 9.

He rises who mankind has bought
With grief and pain extreme ;
'Twas great to speak a world from nought,
'Twas greater to redeem.

The resurrection of Jesus secures
ours ; it is both the pledge and the
pattern ; and as he is now superior
to death so shall we be soon.

December 28.

BEING fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.—Rom. iv. 21.

The promises surpass my thought,
But faithful is my Lord;
In unbelief I stagger not,
For God hath spoke the word.

The Lord never made a promise
which he did not intend to perform,
nor did he ever disappoint the soul
which trusted in him.

December 29.

THE love of God is shed abroad in
our hearts by the Holy Ghost —
Rom. v. 5.

Author of my new creation,
Let me now thine influence prove;
Make my soul thy habitation;
Shed abroad the Saviour's love.

Nothing will draw out our love to
God but a sense of his love to us;
our love is the effect of his.

December 30.

I CAN do all things through Christ
which strengtheneth me.—Phil.
iv. 13.

Oh Lord! thy strength in me renew,
Keep me from every fall;
Nothing without thee can I do,
By thee I can do all.

The strength of the whole Church is
in Christ; by faith we receive it
from him, and having done so, should
employ it for him.

December 31.

THE Lord shall reign for ever, even
thy God, O Zion, unto all genera-
tions.—Ps. cxlvi. 10.

He loves his saints, he knows them well,
But turns the wicked down to hell;
Thy God, O Zion, ever reigns:
Praise him in everlasting strains.

Seasons change, creatures vary, time
flies, but the Lord keeps the throne,
and remains immutably the same.

WORKS PUBLISHED BY THOMAS NELSON.

Just Published,

OLIVER CROMWELL AND THE PROTECTORATE.

By DANIEL WILSON, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

WITH SIX BEAUTIFUL TINTED ENGRAVINGS.

This volume forms the Third of the New Series of "Nelson's British Library." It supplies what has long been a desideratum in our literature—a faithful and popular narrative of that important period in our national history, and of those great events which led to the firm establishment of the principles of civil and religious liberty.

Handsomely bound in cloth. Price 2s.

~~~~~  
Just Published,

**MEMORIALS OF THE DAWN OF THE  
REFORMATION IN EUROPE.**

With numerous Engravings.

*Handsomely bound in cloth. Price 2s.*

~~~~~  
ALSO,

MEMORIALS OF EARLY GENIUS;

AND

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE.

With numerous Engravings.

These volumes are beautifully printed in foolscap 8vo, and embellished with engravings. From the interesting nature of their contents, they are admirably fitted for the family library.

Handsomely bound in cloth. Price 2s.

2 WORKS PUBLISHED BY THOMAS NELSON.

TENTH EDITION.

THE CONGREGATIONAL TUNE-BOOK,

COMPLETE.

Containing upwards of 270 of the most admired Psalm and Hymn Tunes, Chants, &c., adapted to various Metres, and harmonized for four voices.

By ADAM WRIGHT,

Organist of Carr's Lane Chapel, Birmingham.

Elegantly bound in cloth. Price 2s. 6d.

~~~~~

Just Ready, Pictorial Edition,

**THE WHOLE WORKS OF JOSEPHUS.**

Illustrated with twelve beautiful Tinted Engravings.

*One volume, 8vo, handsomely bound in crimson cloth. Price 6s.*

*Do. Do. beautifully bound in crimson cloth, gilt edges. Price 7s.*

~~~~~

Just Ready,

WITH SIX TINTED ENGRAVINGS.

SIMPLE STORIES AND SKETCHES.

By THE REV JOHN TODD, PHILADELPHIA.

Royal 82mo, fancy cloth, gilt edges. Price 1s. 6d.

A GIFT TO A CHRISTIAN FRIEND,
THE COMPREHENSIVE REFERENCE BIBLE.
[POCKET SIZE.]

Beautifully printed on thin paper.

*Embossed roan, extra gilt, 6s. Morocco, plain, second, 6s.
Morocco, gilt, second, 9s. Morocco, flexible, plain, 10s.
Morocco, flexible, full gilt, best, 12s.*

~~~~~  
**THE ILLUMINATED BIBLE.**  
[ROYAL 18MO.]

Beautifully printed on thin paper.

*Embossed roan, extra, gilt, 3s. Morocco, plain, second, 6s.  
Morocco, gilt second, 6s. 6d. Morocco, flexible, plain, 7s.  
Morocco, flexible, full gilt, best, 8s. 6d.*

~~~~~  
Just Published,

**'SCENES FROM THE HISTORY OF THE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**

Or narratives of the more striking passages in the history of the Christian Church, particularly those connected with the rise and progress of the Reformation, and the history of Luther.

BY THE REV. A. R. BONAR.

EMBELLISHED WITH EIGHT TINTED ENGRAVINGS.

*Foolscap 8vo, handsomely bound in fancy cloth,
rich gilt. Price 3s. 6d.*

4 WORKS PUBLISHED BY THOMAS NELSON.

Just Ready,
A NEW EDITION OF
EVAN'S SKETCH OF ALL RELIGIONS.

Corrected and enlarged, with an Appendix, containing an account of the Irvingites, Tractarians, and followers of John Ronge.

WITH SIX TINTED ENGRAVINGS.

Foolscap 8vo, fancy cloth, richly gilt. Price 8s. 6d.

~~~~~

Just Ready,  
A NEW AND BEAUTIFUL EDITION OF  
**BUNYAN'S PILGRIM'S PROGRESS,**

WITH MASON'S NOTES.

Illustrated with Eight Tinted Engravings.

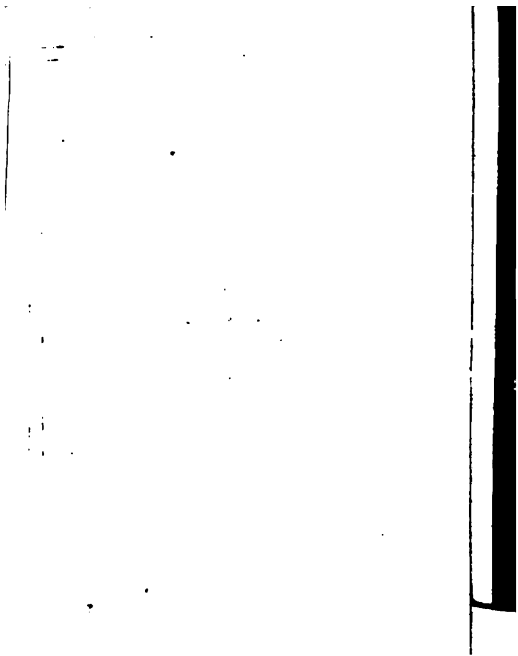
*Foolscap 8vo, fancy cloth, richly gilt. Price 8s. 6d.*

~~~~~

NEW VOLUME, ENGLISH PURITAN DIVINES.
**PHILIP HENRY; MEMORIALS OF HIS LIFE
AND TIMES.**

WITH TWO ENGRAVINGS.

Foolscap 8vo, handsomely bound in cloth. Price 1s. 6d.



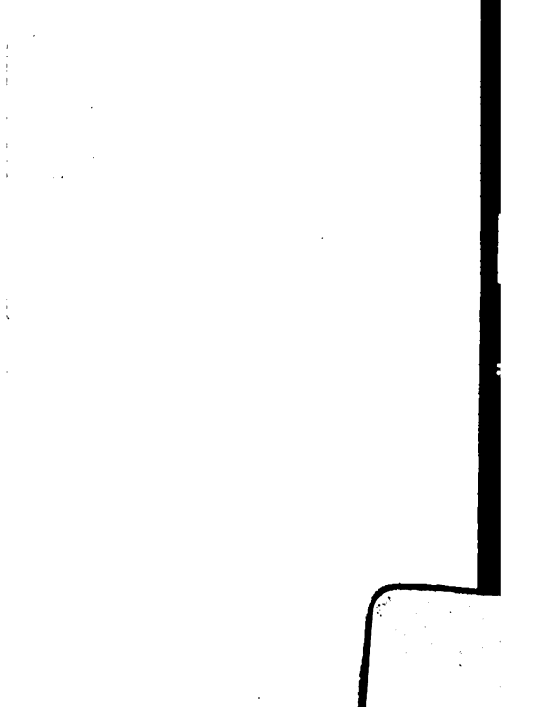


FIG. 1. Time series of (a) precipitation and (b) temperature anomalies for the 1997/98 El Niño event. The precipitation is the difference between the observed and the long-term mean precipitation, and the temperature is the difference between the observed and the long-term mean temperature.

